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Serb Riot Police **Beat Protesters** In Edgy Kosovo

30,000 Ethnic Albanians Rally To Condemn Killings of 20; West Asks Milosevic to Negotiate

By Chris Hedges

PRISTINA, Serbia - The Serbian police used truncheons, water cannon and tear gas to disperse about 30,000 ethnic Albanian demonstrators who

were marching here Monday to condemn the killing of more than 20 people over the weekend.

The street clashes in the capital marked the third day of serious unrest in Kosovo Province, where 90 percent of the population are ethnic Albanians. The

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annest began Friday when Serbian police were ambushed by rebels of the Kosovo Liberation Army. The Serbian authorities, lashing out with an unrestrained fury, executed at least 20 civilians in the

area of the ambush, human rights officials contend.

The unrest could, if unchecked, lead to an escalation of the mounting violence that has beset kosovo in recent months. Western diplomats, who were quick to condemn the behavior of the Serbian police, have appealed to Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Yugoslavia, to negotiate with the ethnic Albanian leadership, an appeal that was swiftly re-



Riot police charging demonstrators in Pristina, capital of Kosovo Province, on Monday, at a rally two days after 20 people were killed during police sweeps against ethnic Albanian militants.

jected by senior government officials in Belgrade. The police, to prevent protesters from gathering in the center of Pristina, blocked streets early in the morning. When people began to gather, squads of

heavily armed police charged to break them up. One group of police, apparently angered by the efforts of a photographer to take pictures from the window of the daily newspaper Koha Ditore, entered

the offices of the paper, ransacked the prenuses and threw the photographer from the second story window, breaking his feg. Scores of other people were injured in the assaults, as police officers chased protesters down side streets and gave those they caught brutal beatings. Veton Suroi, the editor of

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Hindu Nationalists in the Lead

By John F. Burns New York Times Service

NEW DELHI — Partial returns from India's general election indicated Monday that an alliance of parties led by the Bharatiya Janata Party, a Hindu nationalist group, had far outstripped a rival alliance led by the Congress (I) Party, but apparently not by enough seats to assure the Hindu nationalists of an outright parliamentary majority.

A fuller picture awaited the completion of vote-conting for none than 540 tradiamentary seats, which

counting for more than 540 parliamentary seats, which was not expected until late Tuesday.

But if the early trends hold up, India appears to be headed for a period of intense political maneuvering, with the Hindu nationalists and the Congress Party competing to reach a majority by drawing the support of other groups with seats in the new Lok Sabha, India's lower house of Parliament.

According to an unofficial estimate made by Star TV, a privately owned television network with the most elaborate broadcast coverage of the results, the Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies were likely to end up with 250 to 260 scats.

The network estimated that the Congress Party, led

in the election campaign by Sonia Gandhi, the Italian-born widow of Rajiv Gandhi, a former prime minister, would get between 150 and 160 seats, an improvement of about 15 to 20 seats from the 1996 election, when Mrs. Gandhi did not campaign.

The network estimated that a third major alliance, a center-left group known as the United Front, would win 100 seats, with 20 to 40 seats going to splinter parties that have not aligned with any of the major

Since leaders of the Congress Party and the United

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Terrorism Ugly,' Iran's Leader Says

TEHRAN (AFP) — President Mohammed Khatami of Iran vowed Monday to cooperate with the international community in fighting the "ugly phenomenon"

In a meeting here with the Italian foreign minister, Lamberto Dini, Mr. Khatami said: "Terrorism and violence beget hatred and hatred is destructive. I sincerely and bonestly am ready to cooperate to fight this ugly phenomenon in all its

Western countries, led by the United States, often accuse Iran of sponsoring terrorism.

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PICKING ECONOMIC WINNERS IN EUROPE AND ASIA

In the Old World, a New Equity Culture

By John Tagliabue

FRANKFURT — Two years ago, Boris Ogursky was working for the catering arm of Lufthansa, the German airline, when he saw the future and made a bet.

The German government was selling off the last bits of the airline to investors, and Lufthansa management was trying to introduce employees to the idea of having a stake in the company's success. In place of a pay raise, employees could choose between a onetime cash payout and an equivalent amount of stock.

To make the notion of stock ownership too good to refuse, Lufthansa added a twist: Employees could borrow money interest-free from the airline to buy additional stock at market prices. After two years, they could either sell the shares and pay back the loan or hold onto them and pay it off gradually. If Lufthansa's share price rose, the employees

pocketed the profit; if it sank, the company promised to buy

back the shares at no loss to the employee.

Mr. Ogursky bit. He purchased 67 Lufthansa shares at 20.60 Deutsche marks, or nearly \$12 a share. On Friday, they closed at 34.35 marks, or almost \$19. Mr. Ogursky's 110 shares — he later added to his holdings — are now worth about \$2,100.

Stock ownership in Europe is nowhere near as common as it is in the United States. Forty-three percent of adult Americans own shares either directly or through mutual funds, compared with only 6 percent of adult Germans, 16 percent of the French and 25 percent of Britons. Investing in stocks has long been considered too chancy a move in the Old World, where the middle-class investment of choice is a

virtually risk-free government bond. But that is changing. In 1995, when Lufthansa first offered

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In the Far East, Nimble Firms Thrive

By Steven Mufson

TIANJIN, China — Just a few months ago, four companies in Thailand were vying for shares of the worldwide market for leather golf bags. Today, two are bunkrupt, crushed by the weight of foreign debts.

The surviving two, bowever, are making more moncy than ever. Smart enough to have borrowed only in That currency, they were not hurt by the plunge in the foreign-exchange value of the baht. In fact, they are in better shape than before; they cannot work fast enough to fill their orders. Sales prices are holding steady, because there is less competition, and the slump of the Thai currency cut the cost of labor and local leather and fattened profit margins.

Similar stories are emerging across Asia from the shakeout of the continent's fiscal crisis. The financial earthquake has altered the economic landscape, and while for the most part it has brought hardship and even catastrophe, it also has left standing some winners in an intensified international competition for money and markets.

"If you had low debt, if you're exporting and geming dollar revenues and have local currency costs, then you're doing great," said John Seel, a Hong Kong-based economist for Bear, Stearns & Co. "Unfortunately, there are not too many companies like that."

Some of the winners and losers are well known. Among the losers are Thailand's banking sector, South Korea's biggest conglomerates and the vast majority of Indonesian companies. J.P. Morgan & Co. is laying off Asian staffers, and Union Bank of Switzerland took a huge write-off for an ill-fated Asian currency transaction. The winners are some foreign-funded

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Schroeder Charts A 'Middle' Path

Kohl Foe Launches Campaign With His Party's Solid Support

By William Drozdiak

BERLIN - As he began a new Monday to persuade German voters that he should replace Chancellor Helmut Kohl as leader of Europe's most powerful nation. Gerhard Schroeder confronted what may be his biggest challenge; how to lure votes from the center without alienating his fellow Social Demo-

Basking in glory after his mumphant showing in Lower Saxony elections corned min the party nomination to run for chancellor, Mr. Schroeder insisted that his party's path back to power in the September national election after 16 years in the opposition by straight down the middle.

"We're talking about a political plan that embraces both business and social responsibility," Mr. Schroeder said. We must create a social consensus in the battle against mass unemployment, it has to be anchored in the middle,"

Over the years, Mr. Schroeder cultivated a mayerick role within his party as an unabashed friend of business; one who puris Cuban cigars, rubs shoulders with titans of industry and serves on Volkswagen's board. It is an image that has always irritated the traditional working-class constituents among Social Democrats, who tend to lorget Mr. Schroeder's impoverished origins as the son of a widowed cleaning lady.

For the moment, those doubts have vanished as the chairman of the Social Democrats, Oskar Lafontaine, and other guardians of the party's leftist ortho-doxy have thrown their support behind Mr. Schroeder's blend of moderate policies and telegenic good looks as the potential winning combination that will break their miserable losing streak over the past four national elections.

But if Mr. Schroeder hopes to deliver on his promises of modernizing German industry and finding new jobs for Germany's recurd number of nearly 5 miltion unemployed, economists and business leaders claim that his party's core supporters may not like his bitter prescriptions. They say Mr. Schroeder will have to persuade many of them to accept lower wages to reduce some of the world's highest labor costs that have supped Germany's ability to compete in

the global economy. He still needs to tell the country what realty lies behind such slogans as modreally lies benind such stogans as mod-emity in economic policy, tax reform and technological progress, 'said Hans-Peter Stihl, head of Germany's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The details are not likely to please everybody, es-pecially some people in his party. Just as Tony Blair waged a biner

banle with the Labour Party's old guard to fashion more centrist policies in Britain, Mr. Schroeder faces a serious struggle in building a new social consensus, such as through his "Alliance for Johs" that calls for close cooperation unions and employers.

In many respects, such pragmatic approaches remain anathema to leftist Social Democrats, not to mention the more radical Greens, whose support may be

necessary for a governing coalition.
Unlike other Social Democrats, Mr.
Schroeder is skeptical about the single European currency and insists that the Deutsche mark should only be replaced when monetary stability can be assured. He also fears that the euro may worsen Germany's unemployment troubles by driving investors toward cheaper wage countries in the European Union.

Mr. Schroeder says he wants to cut taxes to bolster growth, but he is already

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Rudolf Scharping, Social Democratic whip, left, and Premiers Gerhard Schroeder, Johannes Rau and Oskar Lafontaine in high spirits Monday in Bonn.

A Battle of Appearances

Expect Both Candidates to Shun Risky Issues

By John Vinocur International Herald Tribung

PARIS - In nominating Gerhard Schroeder, the Social Democratic Party has chosen a candidate for chancellor whose appearance of substance and seeming refusal of palpable risk may be just enough for Germans to think he is the sale choice to replace Helmut Kohl

after 16 years in power.
Appearances rather than doctrine will very probably be at the heart of the election Sept. 27 because the choice in Germany is between two still very cloudy notions of the future of Europe's pivotal country: Mr. Kohl's imprecise promise of security and continuity in a world that has changed, and Mr. Schroeder's equally vague pledges of modemity and renewal.

The contest is in every respect a fascinating and passionate match between

men of powerful political reflexes, but the lack of specific undertakings in their ideas about what Germany should become makes the issues secondary to the personalities. In a country that has taken pride in elections that have meant programs and content, their diminished presence creates the prospect of a vote that will be decided by emotions, instinct and the impact of television.

On the issues, each candidate is

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ohliged to deal with a central contradiction. Mr. Kohl, the Christian Democrai who oversaw German reunification but also the unrelieved onslaught of massive unemployment, must cast himself as guarantor of a safe and seamless type of everyday life and opportunity that many Germans feel vanished during his reign. Mr. Schroeder, the charismatic challenger whose state ran up a ledger of debt, joblessness and government intervention in private business, must show himself as committed to innovation for Germany well beyond the modest scale of his accomplishments in Lower Saxony.

Under the circumstances, the election can turn on two elements. If the debate goes to the substance of reform, one of the elements can be each candidate's explanation of how much new individual risk, in a country that abhors it, will be brought into German society in

order to create jobs and enterprise. But considering the potential for alienating voters attached to Germany's vast system of state protections and subsidies, an exceptionally personal confrontation, short on detail and strong on

emotion, seems more likely. In a long campaign the potential for error and the awakening of conservative

Soaring Inflation Hits Indonesia and South Korea growth for long because the basis for exports is Over the past six weeks, prices have soared, hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs, JAKARTA - The forced devaluation of their curweakening rapidly."

rencies has sent inflation rates soaring, Indonesia and South Korea announced Monday, in a fresh sign that a second wave of turbulence in Asia's economic crisis is washing across the region.

Indonesia's inflation rate accelerated to nearly 32 percent in February, the brink of byperinflation, the government reported. The figures are the worst since the mid-1960s, when economic and political turnuil toppled Sukarno, Indonesia's founding father, and propelled President Suharto to power.

"This is just the reported figure, can you imagine what it's really like out in the villages," said Jinmy Kob, a regional economist at Independent Economic Analysis (Holdings) Pre. in Singapore. "I was looking at 50 percent for the full year before this number. Now I'll probably revise it higher."

economic activity has slowed to a crawl, and dozens of food riots have broken out in provincial towns,

In South Korea, the months-long slide of the won has also sent inflation soaring. The Finance Ministry said the consumer price index had risen at a 9.5 percent rate in February, after an 8.3 percent rise in January. Producer prices climbed 17.7 percent in February.

At the same time, Seoul announced a record trade surplus, but economists said this would not last. The Trade Ministry said the country had a customs-cleared surplus of \$3.29 billion in February, the largest ever, against a \$2.12 billion deficit a year earlier.

The surge in inflation has been anticipated, given the won's dramatic fall to the dollar," said Kim Joon Kynng, an economist at the Korea Development Institute. "But exports won't be able to sustain steady

Indonesia's inflation figures were issued as former

Vice President Walter Mondale, an envoy of President Bill Clinton, arrived in Jakarta to urge Mr. Suharto to implement economic reforms. Indonesia's Bureau of Statistics said inflation in February was 12.76 percent, more than in all of 1997.

The year-on-year figure for the month was 31.7 percent, close to hyperinflation. Analysis say that, as a rule of thumb, hyperinflation is defined as price increases running at between 40

percent and 50 percent. The sharp jump in the official figure backed up anecdotal evidence that price rises in many basic goods are already 40 percent or 50 percent or even much higher. The government's official fig-

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Jules Verne's Inspiration / Rebuilding a Guide for Explorers

Let There Be Light, Even at the End of the Earth

New York Times Service

SLA DE LOS ESTADOS, Argentina — It was the kind of wild, romantic adventure that only the French could dream up; a spectacular journey to this forbidding island at the end of the earth, between South America and Antarctica, to rebuild a famed lighthouse that had lain dormant for nearly a century.

For the past two months, in the desolate, rocky island's notoriously hostile weather conditions, Andre Bronner, a French navigator, and seven compatriots have toiled day and night assembling a wooden replica of the original 1884 lighthouse that inspired Jules Verne's last novel, "The Lighthouse at the End of the World."

It seemed only fitting that on Thursday, Feb. 26, when a 90-degree are of light finally sprang from the windows of the lighthouse. illuminating the dark sky off Tierra del Fnego, that Mr. Bronner burst into tears. He had fulfilled a childhood dream that nearly

cost him his life.

"As a boy, I was fascinated by the themes of Jules Verne's books," he said, "especially this lighthouse, which 100 years ago was indispensable for clipper ships and steamboats sailing through these dangerous waters to Europe and Asia around South America.

"When I first visited the island four years."

When I first visited the island four years ago, I got lost for several days and nearly died from the cold, harsh weather. But when I found the deteriorated remains of the lighthouse, I realized how important it had been to humanity, and I knew then that I had to

During the last century, the violent waters surrounding this 65-kilometer-long (40-mile-long) is-land, 100 nautical miles east of Cape Horn, were a virtual graveyard for ships taking the route from the Atlantic to the Pacific Oceans. Between 1876 and 1905, there were at least 21 shipwrecks off the north

shore of Isla de los Estados. In 1884, in an effort to make the passage safer, Argentina sent six navy ships to San Juan de Salvamento bay on the island to build a lighthouse.

Dozens of soldiers were assigned to operate the lighthouse, which had beams that could be seen 25 kilometers away and which indeed did reduce accidents. But the island's fierce weather - including winds that were recorded at up to 150 kilometers an hour, constant rainstorms, and frigid nights that often lasted for 18 hours - caused Argentina to



abandon the project in 1902. Jules Verne captured the importance of the lighthouse in his last novel, published in 1905 shortly after the writer's death.

When Mr. Bronner discovered the original site of the lighthouse in 1994, all that remained was a heap of decaying timbers. It took him nearly four years to raise money to rebuild the lighthouse and to cross numerous hureaucratic hurdles in Argentina and France for the project to proceed.

One complication for the French crew was the

fact that Argentina has declared the island an ecological reserve and has restricted access to the island to only a few scientists and a small navy outpost that does meteorological forecasting.

Any activity that might cause environmental damage to the island's rare flora and fauna is prohibited. Airplanes, helicopters and vehicles are not permitted on the island, and there are no roads or paths. The island is virtually untouched by

So building materials for the new lighthouse were shipped from France to Tierra del Fuego, where they were transported to the island by Argentine Navy boats. The French-men, with the help of navy personnel, had to carry tons of construction materials across three kilometers of steep, rough island terrain to the 70-meter (230-foot) cliff where the

To get to the island by boat even today is a

15-hour trip in rough waters from the port of Ushuaia on Tierra del Fuego.

The lighthouse replica, which is 7.8 meters in diameter and 7 meters high, is made of Canadian cedar and pine and has a zinc roof. It is powered by solar panels and relies on a timing device that permits it to remain un-

During construction, the Frenchmen lived in a huge tent, specially designed to with-stand the island's inclement weather. They brought large supplies of paté, meat, vege-tables, wine, and cognac, which they con-tended was crucial to overcoming the cold.

MONG the eight Frenchmen were carpenters, an electrician, a cook, and a musician - who composed a symphony at the end of the world and who was responsible for keeping spirits

"For me, the hardest part of this journey were the island rats that attacked our encampment from time to time and always had a curious look on their faces as if to say, 'What are you humans doing here,'' said. Daniel Nouraud, who was responsible for making a

video recording of the entire construction process. In a small ceremony on the island last Thursday, Mr. Bronner officially donated the new lighthouse to the Argentine Navy, which will be responsible for maintaining it, even though the lighthouse serves no real practical purpose because most vessels passing through this region now rely on satellite navigation systems. In fact, because the public is not allowed to enter the island, the lighthouse can only been seen

from passing boats.
Still, Captain Ismael Arturo Rodriguez of the Argentine Navy stressed the symbolic value of the lighthouse. "It represents the hopes and dreams of explorers who were brave enough to throw caution to the wind and venture to the far reaches of the world," he said. "Without these early lighthouses we could have never conquered these turbulent seas."

Slovakia's Meciar Fills A Presidential Vacuum

By Christine Spolar

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — This is a country without a president, and almost no one knows what to do about it.

President Michal Kovac said good-

bye to politics Monday, ending a single term that was the strangest and most embattled in any new democracy of Eastern Europe. Mr. Kovac and Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar were at each others' throats for much of the five years, scrapping over democratic reforms and financial sleaze. Mr. Meciar routinely threatened Mr. Kovac, and led his ruling coalition down tortuous paths to try to cut short the Kovac presidency.

Now, in Mr. Kovac's final days, Mr. Meciar leveled one more swift kick. He manipulated Slovakia's poorly written constitution to leave the president's office empty and to lend himself much of its power during a critical election year.

"He's a powerful man new, and this gives him more influence," said Kalman Petocz of the Hungarian Civic Party, one of several opposition groups at odds over the dilemma with the

largely ceremonial presidency.

"It's really going to be much more of a problem when the election campaign starts," Mr. Petocz added. "He will have all the power, to sidetrack and to create legal chaos. And he does that well."

Democracy has always been more of a soap opera here than anywhere else in Eastern Europe. The smallest and youngest nation to break free from communism, Slovakia has been most criticized by European and U.S. officials for the pace and depth of democratic reforms.

Mr. Meciar, who has dominated Slovak politics since the fall of the Berlin Wall and then with the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993, is usually the cause of ire. Under Mr. Meciar, minorities, media and even the courts have been bruised.

But the charismatic and often bullying leader has had a lock on the prime minister's office, save for a brief ront in 1994. That was the first public twist in the Kovac-Meciar saga. A onetime Meciar ally, Mr. Kovac split with him over ethical differences and helped push a successful no-confidence vote.

That move haunted Mr. Kovac when Mr. Meciar returned to power after parliamentary polls later that year. Ever since, the fead has been ugly.

"It's led the whole society to be

divided." said Brigita Schmognerova, a leader of the Democratic Left, heirs to the old Communist Party. "On one level, we're a nation between Meciar and anti-Meciar forces. On a broader level, it's a difference of opinion over

what makes a democracy. The latest crisis has all the makings of a farce but packs serious consequences. The president is chosen by Parliament. After one round of voting, Parliament, le by Mr. Meciar's party, the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia, and its coalition partners, the Slovak National Party and the Association of Workers of Slovakia. were unable or unwilling to pick a president. This week, a second round will be held. Neither candidate, a writer and a

railroad worker, stands a chance. As the 67-year-old Mr. Kovac exits without a successor, under the constitution, some of his powers devolve to the government and, essentially, Mr. Mociar. There is no time limit to the state of

limbo. There are no penalties. So, Mi Meciar can consolidate and keep power at will. More important, he can use hi influence to thwart the result of parliamentary elections this fall.

As the law now reads, Mr. Mecian will assume the right to convene Parliament. But if he does not like the makeup of the new Parliament, nothing ensures that he, in fact, will call the assembly.

The constitution also does not spell out who takes on the tasks of signing laws or appointing ministers. For instance, the government must resign, after elections, to the president. But if there is no president, would Mr. Meciar's government submit its resignation to itself, and then accept it?

The turnoil has not stoked domestic confidence. Private radio and television stations have arrived since the last election and compete directly with state-run media. Politics plus reports of gangland killings and privatization ripoffs are more fully detailed, and with clear impact.

A newspaper poll shows a newly formed opposition group, the Slovak Democrat Coalition, drawing 32.5 percent of likely voters. Mr. Meciar's party pulled in about 22 percent, 10 percentage points lower than the last election.

Faltering support may be why Mr. Meciar's party has yet to nominate anyone for president. Olga Keltosova, a party loyalist and newly named Slovakia's United Nations representative said Mr. Meciar told leaders he wants their votes as president. He might well she said, keep both jobs.

TRAVEL UPDATE

U.S. Citizens Warned Of Threats in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - The S. Embassy here warned U.S. citizens Monday to be cautious, saying there have been threats of attacks against Americans.

'These threats are believed to becredible and should be cause for caution by American citizens," according to the warning. The embassy refused further

The threats apparently were connected to the Feb. 21 killings of two Iranian construction workers in the southern port of Karachi, Since then, the embassy said it had received reports that "several radical groups, including two which are present in Pakistan, have called for atcks on Americans worldwide."

A plane from Belgrade landed in. Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina, on. Monday, marking a resumption of regnlar air traffic between Serbia and Bos-

Correction

A Bloomberg News article in Mon-day's editions incorrectly characterized comments by Taku Yamasaki, an official of Japan's governing Liberal Democratic Party. Mr. Yamasaki urged that public works spending for fiscal year 1998, which begins in April, be accelerated and completed in the first half of the year.

El Niño Rains Wash Out Fragile African Economies

By Stephen Buckley Washington Post Service

NAIROBI — The unceasing rains that walloped East and Central Africa for most of the past five months have given way to soothing blue skies.

Yet, the effects of the relentless prephenomenon, have nearly flattened the fragile economies of several countries. Beyond the more than 4,000 people

who have died since October because of flooding and rain-related diseases, such as malaria and cholera, the rains have washed out many major roads, hampered food production and hohhled tourism. More than 500,000 people in northeastern Kenya are still cut off from major towns by the floods.

Production of coffee in Uganda, the country's main export, fell by more than 50 percent late last year. Kenyan manufacturers and exporters have lost millions of dollars. The rains washed out tourism in Tanzania.

The rains also kept farmers in nearly all of East and Central Africa from planting tens of thousands of acres of crops, with especially harsh effects in Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Somalia. There have been reports of 500 percent more rainfall, or as much as 20 centimeters (8 inches) per day where normally it does not exceed 8 centimeters. Forecasters predict that the rains in East and Central Africa - which have not taken the beating that Peru has, for example — should ease in inland areas over the next few months.

But coastal areas and regions surrounding Lake Victoria may continue to experience above-average rainfall. No country is on the edge of famine, but none can afford another four months of

"The situation in most of East Africa is still fairly precarious," said Nick Maunder, regional field representative goods to Mombasa fast enough for cusfor the Farnine Early Warning System in

Kenya, but analysts say the rains have pummeled several principal economic

exchange, slid sharply last year, as did com production, forcing Kenya to import that staple this year.

rains. Roads that lead to safari parks were often reduced to seas of mud, which left some hotels and lodges without customers for days.

The rain hattered many of Kenya's key access roads - most notably, the road between Nairobi and Mombasa, East and Central Africa's most important port. About 85 percent of man-ufacturers' raw materials reach Nairobi via the road, which was closed at least twice in the past four months. The artery, in need of major repairs even before the rains, is open now, but the government has limited it to trucks weighing 25 tons or less because many bridges and sections of the road remain unreliable.

long as two weeks.

Accurate statistics are elusive in tors. Exports of tea and coffee, two

key sources of foreign

Tourism, already ailing because of political violence on Kenya's coast last Angust and

September, sank further because of the

Manufacturers say that transportation costs have rocketed and that production has plummeted because goods and ma-terials that once took 48 hours to travel from Mombasa to Nairobi now take as

Some exporters have lost tens of mil-

"We have a lot of people who just cannot get their materials," said Walter Kamau, executive officer in charge of marketing for the Kenya Association of ment does something

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500ft." Nearly all farmers lems have sent govern-ments hustling for help from the World Bank in East and Central Africa could not and other major donors. plant their crops.

nomic growth was 5 per-cent in 1997 instead of the expected 7 percent, in part because of the rains, received \$30 million from the World Bank, Tanzania has requested \$45 million from donors to help pay for \$117

million in El Niño-related damage. Tourism and farming were hit especially hard in that country. In the northeast town of Arusha - from which thousands of tourists visit Serengeti National Park, home of the famed Ngorongoro Crater — many tour operators said business was off 20 percent. Many farmers just outside town said this was the worst rain they had seen in three decades.

At one time, said Linda Jaffe of Oliver's Camps Ltd. in Arusha, only 10 kilometers (six miles) of road leading into the crater were passable. Her camp was washed away several times in January.

"You suffer. There were a lot of

cancellations and postponements," she said, adding that if husiness did not recover quickly, "we might not be able to keep all the staff on."

The only consolation, Ms. Jaffe said. is that the grass is plentiful for the cows lions of dollars' worth of orders for of the Masai herders.

vear." she said. Nonetheless, the rains washed our many farmers' planting season. Those who have managed to grow crops have had hage problems reaching markets be-

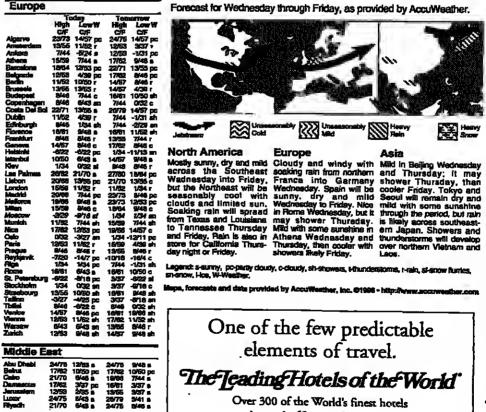
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cause of muddy, pothole-pocked roads. Gibson Kisamba, a major supplier for mers in northeast Tanzania, oversaw

a virtually empty store last week. Nor-mally, he said, it would be buzzing with farmers buying everything from seeds to wheelbarrows to fertilizer. He has sold only about 50 tons of seeds since late last year, he said, half his usual sales. But just as farmers and tour operators are stumbling out of the El Niño rains,

Tanzanians must brace for what may be another long, unhappy three months. Their season of long rains - when Tanzania typically gets its most severe precipitation - begins next month.

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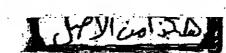
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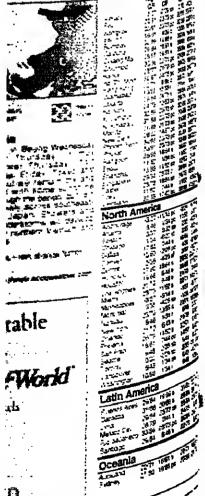
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international mathematics and science test were As the law now reals world, leaders will assume the right to continue to be global competitors in the new parliament. But if he does to be able "to continue to be global competitors in the new parliament." Secretary Richard Riley put it.

Fingers were pointed, hands were wrung. Officials lamented that the United States continued as the ritle of an influential 1923 education. made public last week, showing American 12th-

But with the country standing today as the world's unchallenged technological powerhouse. the trendsetter for a global computer and information economy that Asian and European countries are struggling to match, the scripted

'Like America, science is a fundamentally optimistic endeavor, a kind of child's play. where little attention is paid to getting it right immediately and there is little stress on canons, said Dudley Herschbach, a chemistry professor at Harvard University and a 1986 Nobel laureate. 'I have noticed that graduate students who get straight A's are often lost when it comes to research. Maybe we have let kids wander all over hell in high school, but that preserves some

energy for later when it is better spent." Even as he spoke those words, Mr. Herschbach worried that they were a ristionalizing of dismal results and based on fittle more than anecdote and hunch. But he was not alone to voice such educational sacrilege.

Larry Cuban, a professor of education at Stanfuror has drowned out a quiet, embarrassed de-ford University, said, "American ingenuity and

seized American schools is the very fountainhead for that creativity and innovation."

Nearly all educators agreed that American chooling required improvement, that teachers were poorly paid and trained and that students were underserved and insufficiently challenged. But the educators said the links between those problems and economie performance were ap-parently far less direct than had been supposed.

Many expressed alarm and puzzlement over the results, released Tuesday, of the Third Inernational Mathematics and Science Study. American 12th-graders were outperformed in mathematics and science literacy by their coun-terparts in 12 countries out of 20 and did better than students in just two, Cyprus and South Africa. In advanced mathematics and physics, no country performed more poorly,

In the same study, American fourth-graders

dards and better schools had begun to pay off hul had not reached the upper levels of schooling.

The trouble is that this pattern has been consistent for as long as comparative tests have been given. In basic skills. American students start out equal to or ahead of students of the country's main trading partners, and steadily decline the

longer they stay in school.
When in the late 1950s the Soviet Union put a rocket in space ahead of the United States, and in the 1970s and 1980s, Japanese cars and computers were leaving U.S. products behind, the gaps in students' mathematics and science scores were used as damning evidence of an imminent national decline and a reason for spending money to improve schools. But today Asian and European educators are coming for visits to see what they might learn from the American sys-

Howard Gardner, a professor of education at Harvard University, said the United States was

'There are a thousand ways to bounce back," he added, "What harms you in other countries is the straight and narrow path you have to follow: If you fall off, it is very hard to get back on. Here it is a more chaouc system. But the world econ-

omy is more chaotic. So that's good." With technology changing so rapidly, U.S. corporations are investing billions in on-the-job training at hundreds of so-called corporate universities. Such training focuses the mind on specific tasks in ways that some analysts say can be more effective than traditional schooling.

Of course, despite all the talk of creative genius, a number of less radical explanations for the poor 12th-grade results and simultaneously booming economy are also being offered. Most experts argue that American universities most likely make up for many failings of high

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WASHINGTON - A top White House official has urged Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel, to end his their votes as president Heme:
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Whitewater invesugation, and a resignation, while three Republican senators nation, while three Republican senators of his reexpressed guarded criticism of bis re-

cent tactics. Rahm Emanuel, the senior White House adviser, said on a television pro-gram Sunday that both he and President Bill Clinton believed that after a 41/2-year, \$40 million investigation, it is time for Of Threats in Pake Mr. Starr to "acknowledge that he has a dead end and wrap up that investigation." Mr. Emanuel also said that "Ken Starr has shown a willingness to use the

> "This is a partisan political pursuit of the president," he charged. But Mr. Emanuel stopped short of urging Mr. Starr to resign, saying in response to a question: "Politically,

that's ridiculous for us to say." Senator Patrick Leahy, Democrat of Vermont, was asked on another television program if Mr. Starr should step

'Sure be should," Mr. Leahy said, adding: "Kenneth Start has gotten totally out of control. He has this fixation of trying to topple the president of the United States. He's doing

everything possible to do it." In a further sign of the sharp public focus on Mr. Starr's aggressive approach, three Republican senators, while generally supporting the counsel, said he had erred in forcing Sidney Blumenthal, a White House aide, to about his criticism of the prosecutor's office and his contacts with reporters.

"I think that Ken Starr made a mis-take on that," Senator Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, said. "I think emotions ran a little too high." Senator John McCain, Republican of Arizona, said on a television program

that "calling Mr. Blumenthal before the grand jury was a mistake."
"Somebow it managed to turn this guy into an admirable person," he said, "which is remarkable."

The chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Orrin Hatch, Republican of Utah, said that Mr. Starr was legally within his rights to subpoena Mr. Blumenthal in an inquiry into possible ob-

menmai in an inquiry into possible obstruction of justice. But, he added, "It
was probably polinically inadvisable."
Mr. Emanuel's comments appeared to
represent an escalation of the White
House attacks on Mr. Starr. In a subsequent interview, he said that the Whitewater investigation was "off track."

"What is it he can't figure out about a 24-year-old real estate deal?" be asked. 'All we have seen is an escalation and expansion of the investigation with no conclusion of any of the pieces." But Mr. Emanuel said his call for Mr.

Starr to finish his work applied only to the investigation of the Arkansas land venture called Whitewater. "I don't think after six weeks anyone's saying he should wrap up the Monica Lewinsky investigation," he

Since January, Mr. Starr has been investigating whether Mr. Clinton had a sexual relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, a former White House intern, and urged

The widespread criticism of Mr. Starr for forcing Mr. Blumenthal to appear efore a grand jury Thursday gave the White House an opening it exploited in coordinated fashion Sunday on the talk

Paul Begala, a White House adviser. said, alluding to Mr. Blumenthal's legal fees, that "Sidney and his family were fined \$10,000 for the crimic of criticizing Ken Starr. 'And I think that's a chilling, chilling

thing," he said. Lanny Davis, a former White House special counsel, spoke of "putting a \$10,000 tax on his family with legal fees

talks to in the press." ■ Criticism in the Ranks

Even some of Mr. Starr's deputies are questioning the wisdom of some of his recent moves, The New York Times reported from Washington. "We're getting creamed," a top deputy to Mr. Starr said.

Several members of the counsel's team acknowledged privately that his office had made strategic miscalculations that handed the White House additional ammunition to attack the independent counsel and to raise questions about the fairness of his in-



Vernon Jordan Jr., a prominent Clinton friend and adviser, leaving his home in Washington on Monday, a day before he was scheduled to go before a grand jury to tell what he knows about the Lewinsky allegations.

Away From Politics

· After three and a half months in a hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, the last two of the McCaughey septuplets have gone home to join their large family and the 60 volunteers who help take care of them in the McCaugheys' three-bed-

taking \$15 million from his offices has been eaptured after a five-month manhunt, a company official said in Charlone, North Carolina, Surveillance tapes and photographs showed a man who the FBI believes is David Scon Ghantt taking bags of money and putting them onto a cart in the company's vault. Other surveillance videotape

An armored car driver suspected of showed the man loading the bags into a

 The Supreme Court bas allowed random drug testing of some federal employees at the Old Executive Office Building, next door to the White House. The justices let stand a ruling that said the tests were justified to protect the president and the vice president. (AP)

Historians Discover 570 War Documents Signed by Lincoln

Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — Two amateur historians sifting through \$0,000 rarely touched files at the National Archives in Washington have found 570 documents with Abraham Lincoln's signature, a find that historians are calling the largest of its kind in 50 years.

Tom and Beverly Lowry, working at their own expense, have indexed more than 40,000 of the Civil War courts-martial of Union soldiers, an undertaking begun but abandoned by others. The Uncoln signatures were often squeezed in at the bottom of a general's lengthy report with a notation saying that the soldier should be pardoned.

The discovery of such a huge number of signatures is a surprise to Lincoln experts, who said the pre-vailing belief had been that there were none left to find.

Thomas Schwartz, Illinois state historian and editor of the Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association, said, "Anything stritten in Lincoln's own hand is a major

Cullom Davis, edi.; of the definitive collection of Lincoln's papers from his 25 years as a trial lawyer, said: "Scholars have spent generations plowing all available and known sources. To find almost 600 Lincoln signatures is unity newsworthy.

Investing Social Security Blumenthal, a White House aide, to testify before a grand jury last week when the criticism of the prosecutor's

By Richard W. Stevenson New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - As the United States begins debating how to shore up Social Security for the baby-boom generation, advocates of fundamentally changing the system are honing their argument to a single theme: that as an investment, Social Security is a bad

Conservative groups, Wall Street ex-ecutives, members of both political parties in Congress and other proponents of turning Social Security into a vehicle for investing in stocks and honds are attacking the current system with research showing that many people will receive little more in retirement benefits than they contribute through

Younger people, especially, will get a bad deal relative to people born longer ago, the critics said.

The results, they said, are particularly striking when the system's payoff is compared with the much higher rates of return available in the stock and bond markets. Allowing part of Social Seeurity taxes to be invested in such areas would allow even low-income workers to accumulate significant wealth in their working lives, the critics contend.

'The only way to save Social Security for the long term, meaning 50 years from now, is to transform the program so that it can become a source of wealth," said Senator Bob Kerrey, Democrat of Nebraska, who favors using part of the payroll tax to finance personal retire-

ment accounts for every worker.

President Bill Clinton has called for Congress and the White House to find a bipartisan solution next year to the looming financial problems of Social Security. The possible solutions include raising taxes, eutring benefits, increasing the retirement age, dedicating federal budget surpluses to the problem and turning Social Security into a more investment, based program.

announced a position.

But the idea is winning widespread support among Republicans. Some like Representatives Mark Sanford of South Carolina and Niek Smith of Michigan are sponsoring plans that would gradually replace the longtime system with private accounts. Others like Senator Judd Gregg of New Hampshire advocate using part of payroll taxes to finance private investment accounts while maintaining a reduced but guaranteed Social

Social Security now has more than enough money to pay today's retirees and other beneficiaries. But it will become increasingly pressed as the 76 million people born in the 20 years after World War II begin retiring in droves around 2010. Unless changes are made. the system, experts say, will become insolvent around 2029, able to pay only 75 percent of promised benefits.

BOOKS

BRINGING OUT THE DEAD By Joe Connelly, 271 pages, \$23. Knopf

Reviewed by James Polk

THE Manhattan neighborhood of Hell's Kitchen is a war zone. On the city's unforgiving nighttime avenues and back alleys, "the army of midtown cra-zies who walk the streets in survival gear while munering to friends in hell" is locked in mortal combat with other assorted bits of municipal detritus for high crew of cops, emergency room workers at Our Lady of Mercy (otherwise known as "Misery"), and, at the very from of

By Robert Byrne

one of its drawbacks showed up here:

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The novel "Bringing Out the Dead" is the first-person story of one of these last, a burned-out veteran of the urban ban lefield named Frank Pierce, a man so hanned by his failures that he sees himself as "a mass of sboddy wiring, sparks flying, a flash fire waiting to happen." Nicknamed "Father Frank" by an early partner because of his initial enthusiasm "to drive fast and save lives," Pierce is now jaded beyood cynicism, going through the mouons as he sinks ever deeper into his pit of ugly memories. He is a man driven, no longer by a sense of mission but by a sense of despair.

The one horror that dominates is Rose. A young asthmatic who died

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the front lines, the shell-shocked medics when the hung-over Frank Pierce failed breathe, she now stalks his every tour, emerging from the shadows of his guilt again and again in her yellow raincoat to accuse and condemn. From Rose, and from the memory of Rose, there can be no escape.

On top of that psychie curse are the physical recurrences of Mr. Burke. Revived once already by Pierce and his partner after a cardiac arrest, Burke becomes a fixture in the emergency room. where the medics re-encounter him whenever they bring another crumbling life into Misery. Never conscious, breathing irregularly, instinctively pulling IV tubes from his arms, his heart. frequently stopping, Burke eventually causes Pierce to wonder. Is he fighting tolive, or is be fighting to die? This is a. dangerous question for one whose business is pulling the dying back toward life: it also becomes the novel's central issue. When be asks it, Pierce's career as a-

lifesaver is probably doomed.

Because he has asked it, the lingering. of Burke and the ghostly presence of the-lost Rose only hasten what the nightly grind of the mean streets has made inevitable. Eventually, to EMS workers like Pierce, none of what they do makes, any difference either to the functioning of the city or to the destinies of its citizens.

And also like Pierce, many of them. come to see that their job is "less aboutsaving lives than about bearing witness." But witness to what? The ambulances careen from rescues of such regulars as Noel and "Mr. Oh" — for the sole purpose of rescuing them again one or two nights later — to saving the junkiesbrought joltingly back to life with inagain. Where is there purpose in that?

Given the wasted lives and wasted?

landscapes he describes, it makes sense that Joe Connelly tells the story of hisblasted protagonist as what amounts to a war novel. Although there are no trenches: or foxholes, no tanks or howitzers, fighting for the night is as vicious, as un-relenting and as soul-destroying as any battlefield. And the battle fatigue is just as real, too. The death and dehumanization that are parts of the nightly routine of the EMS workers thrust a group of otherwise dissimilar individuals into a comradeship: every bit as intense and desperate as thatof combat soldiers.

Himself nearly 10 years a paramedic New York, the author weaves his way through his first novel with absolute: confidence and an assured style that is atonce immediate and reflective.

At times, particularly near the end, the plot may seem a little pat and a little rushed, as if the events don't come naturally anymore but are positioned tomake the narrative turn out the way it. does. Still, such quibbles are minor. What counts is that "Bringing Out the-Dead" is written with a richness and a. closeness to the world it describes that makes it a powerful achievement.

James Polk, a critic who lives in Woodstock, New York, wrote this for The Washington Post.

stakes but to scant purpose. Keeping track of the carnage and sweeping bodies vestment-based program. from the sidewalks is the job of a frayed Relatively few Democrats have pub-

licly endorsed any shift toward a more investment-oriented approach, and many liberals oppose the idea, as do politically powerful advocacy groups for the elderly. Mr. Clinion has not

Security benefit as a safety net.

POLITICAL NOTES

Republicans Try Broader Appeal

BILOXI, Mississippi — Southern Republican leaders have signaled their anxiety over the weakness of the party among women and blacks by casting straw ballots in favor of Representative J.C. Watts of Oklahoma and Elizabeth

Hanford Dole for vice president in 2000.

In a survey of 1,106 delegates attending the biennial Southern Republican Leadership Conference here that asked, "Who is your first choice for the vice presidential nomination," Mr. Watts, the only black Republican member of the House, led the field with 26 percent. He was followed by Mrs. Dole, former secretary of labor and transportation during the Reagan and Bush presidencies, who received 16 percent.

A plurality of delegates, 18 percent, selected Governor George Bush of Texas as their first choice for the party's presidential nominee in 2000.

Michael Retzer, chairman of the Mississippi Republican Party, said the vice presidential ballot results reflected an acknowledgment by delegates that the party should build support among women and blacks.

Senate Faces Public Works Test

WASHINGTON - In the first major test of whether

Congress will abide by the self-imposed austerity of last year's budget agreement, the Senate is taking up one of the biggest public works bills in U.S. history, a multi-year plan laden with big-ticket highway and transit projects that are dear to every lawmaker's heart.

The measure, scheduled to come up for debate on Monday, calls for spending at least \$181 billion, and possibly much more, over six years on virtually every type of land transportation project, from roads to bridges to subways to bike paths.

Every congressional district in the country stands to gain something from the measure, but the big question will be which ones gain the most. Regional alliances have formed, pitting senators from the Northeast and parts of the West, whose stales benefit most from current transportation policies, against Southerners, who want to revamp the entire syslem to send more money their way. But deficit hawks will fight to hold down the spending.

Quote/Unquote

Marlin Fitzwater, former White House press secretary, on the impact of the Lewinsky investigation on President Bill Clinton's staff: "I think it has a terrible impact on morale because every member of the staff, first of all, is fearful for the president. And second, they're fearful for

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34 Qhi 1 35 d4 1 36 Qh2 6 37 Resigns In an Anand-Kasparov game from the Intel Quickplay Grand Prix, Paris 1995, the bishop sacrifice with 9...h6 10 h4!? was accepted, after 10...Nd4 11 Qd4, by 11...bg and after 12 hg Ng4 13 Be2 e5 14 Qg1 ef 15 Bg4 Bg4 16 Qh2 f5 17 Qh7 Kf7 18 Rh6 Bg5, Anand could have had a perpetual-check draw with 19 Qg6 Kg8 20 Qb7 and so on. He did not take it and lost. 18 Ne4 by 18...Bb2! 19 Kb2 Qb4 20 Ka1 (or 20 Kc1 Rc2! 21 Ke2 Ba4 22 Qb3 Bb3 23 ab Qe4 24 Bd3 Rd3 25 Rd3 Qg2) Rc2 21 Rb1 Qa5 22 Rb2 Rb2 23 Kb2 Qe5. For example, 24 Ka3 Bc6 25 Qg5 (or 25 Bd3 f5) Qd4 26 Rd1 Qa4 27 Kb2 Qb4 28 Ka1 Rd1 29 Bd1 Qd4 30 Kb1 Be4 31 Bc2 Qd1 32 Qc1 Bc2 puts With 12 h4, Nijboer gave the them-Black a piece and two pawns ahead. atic bishop sacrifice another whirl, but

Nijboer had hopes for the h file after hg, but Anand dashed them with 7...Rc3!, when 18 bc Nd5 19 Qh3 Nc3 20 Kc1 Ne2 21 Kb2 Qb4 22 Ka1 Qc3 forces the queens off with Black up a lot

With 18 Bd3, Nijboer kept fighting, and after Anand reduced the white attack force with 18...Rd3!, the Dutchman persisted with 19 cd (or 19 Rd3 Nh5 20 Rh5 Bc6 21 Rd8 Qd8, winning easily for Black) Ng4 20 Qh3. Anand bad to give back some material with 20...Nh6, but he retained both material advantage and control of the position after 2i gh Qe5
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the black king futilely. For example, 27 Rgh3 e5 28 Qe4 Bh3 29 Rh3 Rh8! 30 Qb7 Kg6 31 Qe4 f5 32 Qc6 Qf6 forces Black into one hopeless exchange or

After 36...e5, there was no defense against 37...Rcl. If 37 Rc3, then 37...Qf1 38 Ka2 Be6 39 Rb3 Bb3 40 Kb3 Qc4 mate. Nijboer gave up.

NUBOER/WHITE

Position after 17 hg

Legislators Trade Punches and Fail to Approve a Prime Minister

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribuni

effort to appoint a prime minister degenerated into fistfighting, pushing and shoving in the National Assembly on Monday and finally broke down completely when the assembly failed to

The assembly finally adjourned without deciding whether to approve the appointment of Kim Jong Pil, 72, one of the architects of the 1961 coup that ushered in a quarter century of military distributions in a quarter century of military dictatorship,

President Kim was expected Tuesday to appoint Kim Jong Pil as acting prime minister anyway, in a show of good faith to the minority party leader whose sup-port he needed to win the election in December.

"There must an end to the political vacuum," said Park Ji Won, a presidential spokesman. "It is driving our country into a life-or-death sixtuation." name a oew cabinet Tuesday.

Kim Jong Pil is a former army colonel who founded the Korean Central Intelligence Agency and served as prime minister under the dictatorial Park

Chuog Hee in the early 1970s. Although he was President Kim's of the assembly floor too quickly to mark storm.

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nemesis when the latter was a dissident, President Kim sought his party's support as a candidate, and their deal stipulated SEOUL - President Kim Dae Jung's that Kim Jong Pil would become prime

> holds a majority in the assembly even though its candidate lost the election. That party's defeated presidential can-didate, Lee Hoi Chang, now honorary

planned to contest as unconstitutional any attempt to name Kim Jong Pil as acting prime minister.

The assembly turned into pandemoni-

um when members of Kim Dae Jung's National Congress for New Politics and Kim Jong Pil's United Liberal Democrats charged that members of the Grand National Party were casting blank ballots. Grand National members, after boycotting the assembly session on Fri-Even without a prime minister, Mr. Park day, agreed to vote Monday but decided said, the president was determined to use hlank ballots so Kim Jong Pil would still not receive the votes needed to become prime minister.

'It's hlank, it's hlank," shooted a member of the assembly, claiming ations" but predicted Kim Dae Jung Grand National members were filing in could begin to push through a legislative and out of the voting booths oo the edges reform program after weathering the

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'yes" or "no."
With that, members of Kim Jong Pil's party dashed to the booths to prevent further balloting, and the fighting start-ed. The floor was quickly filled with The opposition Grand National Party masses of black-suited men flailing at each other, shoving one another across

> The Grand National hit upon the device of casting blank ballots amid reports that the party was split and that as many as 20 of its members would vote for Kim Jong Pil if they voted for anyone. That would have been enough for Kim Jong Pil to win approval as prime min-ister, provided the National Congress for New Politics and the United Liberal Democrats voted as a bloc for him.

It takes a majority vote in the assembly to approve whomever the president nominates

The Grand National Party "is badly divided," said Kim Min Seok, a member of Kim Dae Jung's National Congress for New Politics. "The problem is they have no concrete leadership. They are afraid they will be divided further if they vote on the matter. Then their party will

Kim Min Seok portrayed the showdown as "the worst of the worst situ-

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Food Running Out, North Korea Says

TOKYO — North Korea said Mon-day that its food stocks would run our by mid-March, adding to concerns about the risk of famine there.

The statement, released by the official North Korean news agency, was intended to bolster appeals by the United Nations for international food assistance for North Korea.

"The international food aid will encourage our people in their efforts to eradicate after-effects of the natural disasters and normalize production in agricultural and other sectors of the national economy," the North Korean dispatch said.

North Korea is facing a severe food shortage and is chronically dependent oo grain imports, and there is no doubt that there is some malnutrition. But the scale of the shortage is still widely debated, in part because North Korea severely restricts access by foreigners to the country, especially to hard-hit

Thais Shift Refugees

BANGKOK - Thai authorities began moving more than 10,000 refugees belonging to Burma's Karen ethnic minority Monday from four temporary camps in northern Thailand to one centralized camp.
The 10,491 Karen refugees were

riven the choice of going back to visit to Indonesia. Burma, but none was known to have accepted the offer, said an official of a within the Association of South East private aid organization, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Karen minority, which lives in eastern Burma, has been in rebellion against the central government since Burma's independence five decades

At times, the Burmese Army has applied harsh pressure against Karen civilians as well as guerrillas to try to stamp oot the rebellion.

The military government that took power in 1988 has reached cease-fires with insurgent groops of other ethnic minorities but not the Karen.

The move to a camp in Mae Hong Son Province, 650 kilometers outh of Bangkok, was expected to be completed by mid-March.

COMMON TOUCH - Imelda Marcos, the widow of the longtime

Philippine president, Ferdinand Marcos, campaigning Monday in a Manila fish market. She is one of about 80 candidates for president.

BANGKOK - Thai authorities: forced organizers of a conference on limit the participation of foreign guests Monday, fearing the gathering would embarrass the prime minister on his

The measures reflect the sensitivity Asian Nations over Indonesia's often bloody two-decade rule of East Timor. ASEAN has a policy of noninterference in members' internal affairs,

As the two-day conference began the Thai Labor Ministry ordered the police to take legal procedures against about 60 foreign participants from Western and Asian countries, including several East Timorese.

Officials contended that the meeting constituted work and that the foreigners, most of whom arrived on tourist visas, had no right to attend without business visas.

About 20 uniformed and plainclothes officers desceoded on the Bangkok hotel where the conference was already under way, but senior po-

lice officers questioned the legality of Thailand Curbs Talks lice officers questioned the legality of the order because the meeting was acce-

human rights abuses in East Timor to Lights On in Auckland

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Electricity returned slowly to New Zealand's biggest city Monday, but full power remained days away. Central Auckland now has about a

third of its normal supply, which was enough to start power service on Monday based on a morning-on, afternoon-

The plan was aimed at giving consumers at least some certainty of supply following only sporadic flows of electricity over the previous 10 days.

The municipal supplier, Mercury

Energy, struggling to repair a freak collapse of all four of its main supply cables to the downtown area, said it could announce by Wednesday if it could meet its March 9 target for restoring full power,

. Cables into the city of 1 million people started failing in late January, with the last one giving out on Feb. · (Reuters)

INDIA: Partial Returns Favor Hindu Nationalists Over Congress

Continued from Page 1

Front beld preliminary talks during the election campaign about forming a pos-sible governing coalition, the early results pointed to the strong possibility of a neck-and-neck contest for power between the Hindu nationalists and a Congress-United Front alliance.

How this contest might work out fluidity of Indian political alliances, especially when loyalties are tested in the jockeying for power after elections.

But some Indian political commentators said that the mood of quiet celebration evident as the vote results reached the Bharatiya Janata Party's national headquarters in New Delhi could be premature in view of the party's experience after the 1996 election. At that time the Hindu nationalists finished as the largest parliamentary bloc, then formed a 13-day government that collapsed for want of support from any

By dusk Monday in New Delhi, behind-the-scenes efforts were already in hand to block the Hindu nationalists again. A key player in the maneuvering. Harkishen Singh Surject, who is secretary-general of the Communist Party (Marxist), one of the major components in the United Froot, said that leaders of the Congress Party and the United Front were confident that they could keep the Hindu nationalists out of power. Soundings among splinter parties, he said, indicated that most of them would shun the Bharatiya Janata Party, thus denying it the seats needed for a majority.

said. "Bot in case they fall short, as they marginal force in Indian politics. Partly, will, then between the Congress and the this was because of the legacy of the United Front some mechanism will be assassination in January 1948 of Moformed, and the BJP will be kept out."

seemed to be anybody's guess, given the major newspapers and by Doordarshan, the state-owned broadcasting oetwork.

With a turnout of about 55 percent among the 605 million eligible voters nation wide and a vote count that was less than half completed for some seats after more than 12 hours of tallying on Moo-

day, all the projections were tentaove.

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found by which a government will be handas Gandhi, the independence leader, who was shot by a Hindu nationalist. The projections made by Star TV, on and partly because of a widespread perthe basis of partial vote counts an- ception that the Bharatiya Janara Party, nounced by the country's Election Com- in its zeal to govern India in a way that mission, were broadly similar to pre-dictions made by several of the country's try's 700 million Hindus, is fundamen. tally hostile to India's 120 million Muslims. Similarly, it seemed clear from the

results that the Congress Party had suffered a result that fell far short of the high bopes generated by Mrs. Gandhi's

campaign.

Despite buge crowds that turned out around the country for her 140 election: opened oew possibilities for the Bhar- rallies, the party appeared to have made atiya Janata Party in the 1990s, the Hindu major gains in only one state, Mahanationalists were always considered a rashtra, with its capital in Bombay.

Cambodians Await Census-Takers' Knock

The Associated Press

PHNOM PENH - Twenty-five thousand census-takers spread out across Cambodia on Monday for the country's first census in 35 years.

The census-takers hope to reach 97 percent of the population in the nacon's 21 provinces in 11 days.

The United Nations Population Fund belped carry out a sketchy demographic survey last year that estimated Cambodia had 10.6 million people, half of them younger than 18. The fund also is helping with the current census, which was or-

census in 1962, counting the population then at slightly less than 6 million, with an annual growth rate of 2.6 percent.

But under the Khmer Rouge terror of 1975 to 1979, as many as 2 million Cambodians died from overwork, ill-

ness, starvation or execution. The census takers' 20-minute questionnaire will cover religion, hirthplace and length of stay in a current residence, as well as the oumber of children born to a family and the number still living, to determine infant mortality rates. The three-year, \$5 million project is crucial "If they get a majority, of course, nobody can stop them," Mr. Surject Cambodia last conducted a national economic planning, organizers said. for the government's efforts in social and

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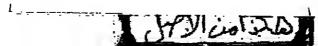
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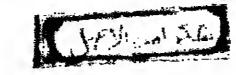
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For several months, commentators have been marveling at the second partial reforms enacted after the great corruption scandals of the early 1990s, a 22-month-old government is something of a novelty for Italy. 242,7835.5 Prime Minister Romano Prodi's government have begun to complain that it has already behaving like a "regime Now on the verge of winning its hard-fought battle to bring Italy into Europe's planned new common currency, the Prodiction of the Production of the Product 2 P. C. Telephone de la company de la Marking of missing organization - ENGLANDE

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Serbia Tries to Stamp Out an Ethnic Albanian Rebellion in Kosovo

By Chris Hedges New York Times Service

IN THE CICAVICA MOUNTAINS. Serbia - A half dozen heavily armed rebels who had taken cover in a copse of trees to evade a Serbian attack helicopter scanned the bleak, moonlit horizon and that remains of Yugoslavia after the seset out swiftly toward the foothills of the icavica Mountains.

Wearing camouflage uniforms and weighted down with AK-47 assault the kind of brutality carried out by the like all the rebels were a patch on his rifles and ammunition-packed vests, the Serbian military in the conflicts in Croarebels said little as they moved through darkened farm villages, their boots leaving waffle imprints in the snow and

Kosovo Liberation Army, which is claborating, that it would be forced to fighting to create an independent state "act as one nation" should outright war for the ethnic Albanians who make up 90 percent of the population here in southem Serbia. And this trek on a February night marked the first time the group had allowed a reporter to accompany one of its armed units deep into its mountain

attacks in the last few months, has

By Celestine Bohlen

New York Times Service

past and is ready to embrace a future untinged by old ideological battles.
"The National Alliance has no in-

iention of using the history and the tra-

exhaustive account of crimes committed

.To some commentators, Mr. Ber-

lusconi's diarribe, aimed mostly at the

prosecutors who have targeted him and

It has been more than three years since

Mr. Berlusconi's government was unseated by the defection of a coalitioo ally.

and almost two years since the victory of

Italy's governing center-left coalition put bim, with Mr. Fini, into the opposition.

ical forces have taken the occasion to take

Two weeks ago, Massimo D'Alema,

leader of the Democratic Party of the

Communist Party, and the mainstay of

the governing coalition — told participants at a conference in Florence of his

hopes to unite with other progressive

parties in a new party that would drop, once and for all, the old communist symbols. The hammer-and-sickle still

For the Italian right, the most un-

settling development recently has been the effort by former President Francesco

Cossiga to put together a new party at the

center of the political spectrum. That is

where he and many other former Chris-

tian Democrats, nostalgic for the once-

has its niche on the party symbol.

stock, and where possible, to regroup.

Left - the moderate beir to the old

he had lost his political touch.

as political weapons," he said.

voice from another era.

VERONA, Italy - The hard right-

Until 1989, Kosovo was an autonomous province of Yugoslavia. But in that year the largely Muslim and Albanian-speaking region was absorbed hy Serbia, which with Montenegro is all cessionist wars of 1991-95.

Diplomats are concerned now that rising violence in Kosovo could trigger lia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, and engulf restive ethnic Alhanians in neighboring Macedonia.

Compounding their concerns, the Al-The guerrillas were members of the banian government has warned, without ers. erupt in Kosovo between the Serbs and the ethnic Albanians. The Serbian government has com-

> in stage the fiercest counterinsurgency campaign to date to crush the rebel Many Serbs have begun to send their families out of the region. The postal

weight of the corruption scandals, still

right alliance — still led by Mr. Berlusconi — have defected to Mr. Cossiga. But for

many political analysts, the most puzzling question on the Italian right is the fate of

Forza Italia, the political movement Mr.

Berlusconi put together, virtually singlehandedly and almost overnight, in 1994 to

propel the center-right coalition to victory.

Back then, Mr. Berlusconi — a self-

made man with a television personal-

ity's unstoppable smile - presented

himself as the image of success. Now,

faced with a calendar of back-to-back court cases, including appeals on one conviction, and a coalition that suffered

new defeats in local elections in Decem-

ber, Mr. Berlusconi has an altogether

party, Berlusconi should remove himself

from the political scene," said Marcello Venenziani, a right-wing political com-

post-Fascist symbols and some of its die-

hard supporters. In the last national elec-

tions, the National Alliance won almost

16 percent of the vote, not much of a gain

bandedness of the government in Rome.

either be crushed as a small party of the

right, or we will become a political party

capable of setting the rules for what's

left of the center-right coalition.'

on its 1994 performance.

"Aside from the effects of Cossiga's

Already, some members of the center-

feel most comfortable.

different image.

Oddly enough, it was not Mr. Fini, but Venenziani, a right-wing political com-his centrist ally, Silvio Berlusconi, the mentator. "His strength was tied to his

magnate and former prime minister, who image as a winner, but for the last three

voice from another era.

Mr. Fini, who spoke twice to repeated applause at the Verona conference,

addressed the conference like a ghostly. years, he has been losing.

hined police and paramilitary units from

alarmed many Western diplomats, who fear the prospect of a wider conflict.

The prospect of a wider conflict. enclaves and towns have set up barricades with armed guards at night. Police checkpoints are now placed behind sandbags and protected by surpers on the and waited several minutes before they roofs of nearby buildings. Nearly all were ushered in through a gate in a high police officers carry assault rifles and wear hullerproof vests.

'We are constantly on the move," said a guerrilla known as Tomorn, who sleeve bearing the black double-headed eagle of Albania. "The Serbs come in with helicopters and armored personnel carriers, but they cannot find us. These are our hills. The Serbs are foreign-

"The Serbs move around in force, but they no longer enter these areas in small units," he added. "The police checkpoints on the main roads are abandoned every afternoon because the police know we will arrack them at night. The Serbs the Ministry of Interior in recent weeks are losing control in Kosovo. They are lashing out with a fury that will only inflame the war."

be identified, where one of the Lib-

house at the peak of a windswept hill. The rebel group carried out its first. The Serbian authorities say the hun-When the rebels reached the small stone attack in 1993, but it was not until the dreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians. house, they reported to guards outside wooden fence.

Inside, in a room lit by a single kerosene lamp, the commander, known as Dyli, one of the group's founders, conceded that his forces were feeling increasing pressure from the Serbs.

The war has entered a new phase." he said. "The Serbs do not yet know how precarious the situation has become. We have organized armed units throughout Kosovo. There are hundreds of us who dominate areas in the country side where we can train, establish bases and recruit followers.

"The Serbs only control the ground they stand on," he continued, "and soon even this ground will be too dangerous

The rebels escorting the reporter and closer affiliation with Albania, the mation about the rebels, entered a village, which they asked not guerrillas said. During the 1992-95 conguertillas said. During the 1992-95 con-

middle of last year that it began to mount regular and sustained assaults.

lice patrols and checkpoints and claim over the border into Kosovo. responsibility for the assassinations of suspected of collaborating with the Serbian authorities.

Serbian courts have been meting out draconian sentences to scores of people suspected of belonging to the armed movement, including sensencing 17 ethnic Albanians in December to a total of quent police sweeps, with many of those pushed him to the floor of a car. detained held incommunicado for days. for them to occupy," Most of those who are arrested say the The armed movement was organized. Serbian police use crude methods of six years ago to fight for independence torture in an attempt to extract infor-

laborer in Switzerland, was among those

abroad provide money for the rebel movement. They say the rebels find In the last few months the rebels have sanctuary in Switzerland as well as Aloverrun more than a dozen police sta- bania, where local lawlessness and oftions, carrying away scores of automatic ficial sympathy have permitted hunweapons. They have attacked many po-dreds of looted weapons to be smuggled

There is evidence to support the Sermere than 50 Serbian policemen and officials, as well as of ethnic Albanians event for the rebels in Brooklyn, New York, on Feb. 11. The event, at an Albanian-American community meeting, netted \$16,000 for rebel representatives who were visiting from Switzerland.

Mr. Shehu, who told his story to a reporter after his return to Switzerland, said the Serbian police had pulled a black 186 years in prison. There are now fre- hood over his bead, bandcuffed him and

After five days of questioning and beatings, he said, he signed a prepared confession that he knew about the move-ment's organization and fund-raising.

I promised to collaborate with them, and they gave me the name of a police contact," he leased, I fled." he said. "When I was re-

The rise of the armed movement, many argue, has overshadowed the monviolent opposition to Serbian domination, involving particularly the parallel government set up by Ibrahim Rugova and his Albanian Democratic League of

Mr. Rugova, while also calling for an independent state, has condemned the use of force, and since 1989, when Belgrade revoked Kosovo's status as an autonomous province, he has led a movement that has seen most ethnic Albanians boycott state institutions and organize their own schools and community services. Although few Serbs remain in

Kosovo, the region is historically and culturally important to them. It was here in 1389 that Serbian knights were defeated by the conquering Ottoman Turks. The Serbs preserved the myth of this noble sacrifice for five centuries of Turkish rule,

It was on the same battlefield in 1987 that Slobodan Milosevic, then an ambitions Communist Party leader and now president of Yugoslavia, told a roaring crowd, "Never again will anyone defeat you." His speech marked the Serbian revolt against the Yugoslav federation and the nationalist wars that followed. With peaceful resistance having

failed to prod Serbian officials to grant greater autonomy, ethnic Albanians say the only way to achieve their goal is

Ethnic Albanians braving water cannon fired by Serbian police in Pristina, capital of Kosovo Province, on Monday.

KOSOVO: Serbian Police Attack Ethnic Albanian Demonstrators

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years ago when he dropped the party's radio station. Several Western reporters were also beaten by the police squads.

'Milosevic has created a situation where there is no political response, where he does not know what to do next." Mr. Suroi said in his ransacked office.

'He responded this weekend to the

Now, Mr. Fini seems bent on luring new supporters from Italy's northern reambush on his police officers by the gions, where the secessionist Northern Kosovo Liberation Army with enor-League has played to dissatisfaction with mous violence," Mr. Suroi continued. the inefficiencies, corruption and heavy-There were at least 20 executions of unarmed civilians. We fear we do not yet We are at a crossroads now," said know the final number of victims. Re-Alessandra Mussolini, granddaughter of ports say there may be some 10 more the Italian Fascist dictator and a frequent dead. In the face of today's nonviolent critic of the party leadership. "We will protests he sent his police in to bear us. I

> violence by both sides that could spread throughout Kosovo." There were reports that a wide police Parliament on Monday that "there could

fear that this may now unleash a cycle of

sweep to track down members of the be no talks with terrorists in Kosovo.' Koba Ditore, was attacked by the police in a separate assault outside Pristina's were closed to reporters by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporters by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to reporter by police roading the city who have led a campaign of civil disorbed to repo surrounded the area of Vranjavac after a

series of shots were exchanged. The killing of the 20 people over the weekend began when the Kosovo Libcration Army militants ambushed a Ser-

bian police patrol, killing four officers. The police called in massive numbers of reinforcements and paramilitary units to track down the assailants. Most of those who died, human rights officials said, were civilians shot by enraged police moving through the area where the guerrillas are said to operate.

Mr. Milosovic's government warned the West that the trouble in Kosovo was "an internal affair," and the defense minister, Payle Bulatovic, told the federal

blocks, but those traveling into Pristina Milosovic revoked in 1989, have seen an said that special paramilitary troops had erosion of support since the emergence of the rebel force. A series of daring attacks on police stations and patrols have won the group, which calls for an independent Kosovo, widespread support and has undermined the efforts by leading politicians to keep the protest movement nonviolent.

The attacks, however, have also permitted Belgrade to justify its mounting repression in the province. Western diplomats fear that it could see Serbian forces begin the kind of wholesale attacks on civilians that occurred during the war in Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina.

These attacks may be used by Milosovic as a green light to begin wholly unacceptable repression in Kosovo," a Western diplomat said.

At age 50 they can ask for their share of

Diana's estate included stocks, jew-

elry, cash - mostly from ber £17 mil-

lion divorce settlement — dresses and

other possessions at Kensington Palace,

her will at the request of her lawyers and the Prince of Wales and under court

assets comprised in the estate to be util-

ized for charitable purposes, for example

items from her wardrobe and the in-

tellectual property rights," said Mr.

Gower, senior partner at the London law

These rights include copyright, trade-

marks and resulting royalties from the

divisions of the probate court across the

country. The six page version goes for

75 pence and the entire 35-page will for £9. Like everything associated with the

Details were added posthumously to

The variations were to allow certain

the capital in full.

her London residence.

supervision in December.

firm Lawrence Graham.

princess, demand is high.

■ Al Fayed Out on Bail

BRIEFLY

Eruption Warning For Mount Etna

CATANIA, Italy - Mount Etna, the Sicilian volcano that last blew in 1991, could be on the brink of antither eruption, a top Italian government expert warned Monday.

"An eruption by Etna could take place in a very sbort while," said Franco Barberi, a vulcanologist who is the secretary of state in charge of civil protection, renewing an alert he made last month.

While activity in the crater was normal, he said be was concerned about "an obvious transfer of lava towards the surface.'

Another Italian vulcanologist, Letterio Villari, said last month that the volcano had registered within a 48-bour period 140 tremors, which were accompanied by small eruptions of lava. The activity forced authorities to evacuate residents from the surrounding area. (AFP)

Haider Blasts Plan For EU Expansion

VIENNA — Joerg Haider, the Austrian far-right leader, warned Monday that the European Union's eastward expansion could bring a "violent wave" of immigrants into

Mr. Haider said the expansion of the EU, which will begin talks next month with Austria's neighbors Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovenia among others, would threaten jobs and salaries.

The enlargement could bring "a violent wave of immigration, of 300,000 people or more," said the leader of the far-right Freedom

Party.
Mr. Haider confirmed that be would not be running in the presidential elections in April, as his party focused on legislative elec-

tions set for next year.

Strikes in Germany

FRANKFURT - Trash went uncollected and buses and trams languished in their depots in many German towns and cities Monday as warning strikes by 30,000 publicsector workers hit services across the country. The strikes were aimed at putting

pressure on the government one day before pay talks for around 3.2 million public-sector workers were due to enter their fourth round.

Workers are angry at the federal government for not meeting their demands for a 4.5 percent overall wage increase and for seeking to cut sick pay and pension benefits.

The strikes are expected to continue Tuesday, when public sector unions expect 80,000 staff to stop working. (Reuters)

Diana's Will Leaves Bulk of Her Fortune to 2 Princes At that point, almost 12 years into paid to them at the discretion of the family came under intense public crit-By Warren Hoge icism for being insensitive, remote, out trustees until they are 25, when they each are entitled to the whole of their income.

LONDON - In a will stressing ber concern that the upbringing of her two sons not be restricted to the royal family, Diana, Princess of Wales, has left Prince William and Prince Harry the bulk of her £13 million estate.

The documents were made public Monday in a departure from royal custom that a lawyer, Martyn Gower, said reflected the "great public interest" and a desire that "there was no suggestion at all that anything was being hidden under the carpet.

They showed that inheritance taxes of £8.5 million (\$14 million) had been paid on the £21.7 million gross value of ber belongings even though there was a legal way to have avoided them. Lawyers said they decided against pursuing that course for fear it would attract further bad publicity to the monarcby. In the aftermath of her death in a car

governing party that collapsed under the crash Aug. 31 in Paris, the British royal

of date and too expensive. Other beneficiaries named Monday

were her butler, Paul Burrell, the man she referred to as "my rock," who got £50,000, and her 17 godchildren, all sons and daughters of friends of hers. Each will receive an heirloom from a

private list of belongings compiled and evaluated by Christie's. The gifts, which will not be made public, include a decanter, a carriage clock, three watercolor paintings, models of a shepherdess and a hird and an Oderiby coffee service.

Diana sought to protect her sons from royal isolation with a directive that Prince Charles, their father, include her family in decisions about their futures.

'I express the wish that should I predecease my husband he will consult with my mother with regard to the upbringing, education and welfare of our children," she wrote in the original six-page will, drawn up on June 1, 1993, and signed "Diana" in her thick signature.

their marriage, animosity between the princess and her husband was high. They were divarced on Aug. 28, 1996.
Although some of the princess's in-

formal parenting style has noticeably been incorporated into the boys' life with their father since her death, in 1993 the prince's approach was rigid and rooted in tradition, allowing them scant opportunity for any normal adoles-

At her funeral, her brother, Earl Spencer, memorably pledged "that we, your blood family, will do all we can to continue the imaginative way in which you were steering these two exceptional young men so that their souls are not simply immersed by duty and tradition but can sing as openly as you planned."

ly £13 million estate will be shared equally by the Iwo princes, William, 15, authorized commercial use of her picand Harry, 13, even though William is in ture or name. The proceeds are to go to

The total amount of the approximate-

line to inherit the throne. Income can be charity or for the benefit of the princes.

The will was made available at 11

His ministry received only 48 percent conflict over a plan by some of the of what was budgeted by the govern-

uranium for nuclear-reactor fuel. the past, including loans from private heated objections from the United States banks. In October 1996, the director of and Israel, which contend it could be

the Chelyabinsk-70 weapons laboratory ased to provide weapons technology.

Mr. Mikhailov is a champion of the backed the construction of a nuclear reactor in Iran, a project that has drawn

Mr. Mikhailov said last week that Russia would expand its role in the project at Bushehr on the Gulf coast, and he had repeatedly brushed off criticism from the United States.

Mohamed al Fayed, whose son was killed with Diana, was arrested and released on bail Monday after answering police questions about alleged theft and criminal damage, Agence France-Presse reported from London.

station voluntarily.

The questioning was believed to be in connection with charges by Mr. al Fayed's longtime opponent, the tycoon Tiny Rowland, that safe deposit boxes in

Chief of Russia's Nuclear Programs Steps Aside which are still off-limits to outsiders, The source said there had also been a

By David Hoffman

MOSCOW — The minister who over-

saw Russia's vast archipelagu of civilian and military atomic energy facilities and who aggressively sought to export the nation's nuclear know-how abroad has resigned, ufficials said Monday. As minister of atomic energy, Viktor

WUNFISCH CLUB NAMES AND STATE OF SERVICE Mikhailov directed a far-flung, stateowned empire that included the two nuclear-weapons design laboratories known as Arzamas-16 and Chelyabinsk-70. They sit in a web of once "closed" cities from the Soviet era that created, manufactured, preserved and eventually disassembled nuclear warheads. In recent years, the closed cities, many of

have fallen on hard times. Information about Mr. Mikhailov's

departure was sketchy. The Interfax and Tass news agencies quated officials as saying he had submitted his resignation. A source outside the government, meanwhile, confirmed Mr. Mikhailov's departure and said it appeared to be the result of a power struggle between Mr. Mikhailov and the two reformist first deputy prime ministers, Boris Nemtsov

and Anatoli Chubais. The source said a battle had been brewing for months between Mr. Mikhailov, 64, who sought independent sources of profit to finance his complex, and the deputy prime ministers, who wanted to rein him in.

closed cities to give big companies special tax privileges. The newspaper Izves- six weeks behind. But he said exports tia reported that the plan had attracted some large overseas companies as well as Gazprom, the huge natural gas monopoly here. The source said the reformers had opposed the tax breaks.

sorted to other methods to raise money in committed suicide as his lab's debts 10 banks mounted.

The nuclear weapons centers had re-

Mr. Mikhailov said at a press conference last week that 1997 "was the worst ever in terms of financing,"

ment, he said, and wages were running

were lucrative, bringing the ministry \$2.2 billion last year, including sales of

A spokesman for the owner of Harexportation of Russian reactors. He rods said that he went to a London police

Harrods had been tampered with.

The two men have been battling since Mr. al Fayed's takeover of Harrods in 1985 after a bitter fight with Mr. Rowland

UN Council Near Accord On Baghdad

Draft Says Use of Force Requires Prior Approval

UNITED NATIONS, New York -The Security Council was ready to adopt a resolution Monday warning Iraq of "severest consequences" if it again barred UN weapons inspectors from suspect sites, council members said.

The draft, jointly sponsored by Britain and Japan, has been amended to meet concerns expressed by France, Russia, China and other council members that any resort to force would first require council approval.

Weston, said the resolution would very day rejecting any compromise on UN Resolution 425. likely be adopted later Monday. The resolution also endorses the

agreement that the UN secretary-general, Kofi Annan, brought back from Baghdad a week ago providing access to presidential sites that had previously been barred to UN weapons inspectors.

A diplomat said the British and U.S.

resolution did not have "automaticity" meaning further council approval would be required for any military ac-

The White House, meanwhile, rejected Iraq's assertion that UN weapons inspections cannot go on indefinitely. "I would disregard what the government of Iraq has to say when they're in spin mode," said the White House press secretary, Michael McCurry.

The Iraqi envoy to the UN, Nizar Hamdoon, acknowledged in a CNN interview that Baghdad's agreement with the UN contained no time limit for inspections of eight presidential com-

'But I think that all the understanding

■ Verbal Clash Over the Rules

Judith Miller of The New York Times tions reported earlier:

chief UN arms inspector, have disagreed

sharply about a critical part of the arms inspection pact reached last week that belped avert U.S. air strikes on Iraq.

In a CNN interview, Mr. Hamdooo asserted that Iraq expected the inspection teams at eight presidential sites to be subordinate to diplomats appointed by Mr. Annan. The statement elicited a retort from Mr. Rutler chairman of the retort from Mr. Butler, chairman of the UN Special Commission responsible for being contradicted by party leaders who deinspecting and disarming Iraq. On the mand sufficient revenues to sustain Germany program, Mr. Bnuler declared that many's generous welfare programs, Mr. Lathe agreement gave him overall responsibility for the new monitoring arrangements.

UN officials said it was ton early to

UN officials said it was ton early to of the nation's social legislation. tell whether Mr. Hamdonn had been merely trying to insist on the interpre- that such differences may not be easy to among many voters that he has stayed in tation of the new agreement that would reconcile. While expressing a common debe most favorable to Iraq, or had been instructed to challenge what U.S. of-ficials consider a key section of the new sire that the party "will speak with one voice" in the coming campaign, he said there were "certain differences" that he still must

But the exchange led some UN officials to question whether Iraq was yet," Mr. Schroeder said. starting to retreat from the agreement. The procedures for carrying out the ac- the idea of a "Red-Green" coalition even cord have yet to be completed.

accord.

Others urged patience. "Let's just wait until the agreement is tested," said Fred Eckhart, spokesman for Mr. An-

That may come within a week, according to UN officials. They said that Mr. Butler, with Gary Dillon, a representative of the International Atomic Energy Agency, and Jayantha Dhanap-ala, the Sri Lankan who was appointed head of the new special group to conduct inspections of the eight presidential its risk-free stock-buying program, only sites, had drawn up draft regulations to about half the employees signed up, carry out the agreement. These rules are When the airline repeated the offer last carry out the agreement. These rules are being considered by Mr. Annan.

The exchange Sunday suggests that lraq is likely to contest regulations giv- shares with an interest-free loan. ing the experts of Mr. Butler's special commission, known as Unscom, a lead-ing role in the monitoring of sites that sell off more enterprises, the welfare state ing role in the monitoring of sites that Iraq says are vital to its sovereignty.

The question is whether the diplomats

or the technical experts are in charge. Mr. Hamdoon said that Iraq expected Mr. Annan, not Mr. Butler, to be in Charge of inspections at the eight sites. When the CNN correspondent challenged this, Mr. Hamdoon replied, have pushed interest rates lower and "Well, it depends on how you see it."

it. "It was "perfectly clear," Mr. Butler even more so, to mutual funds. said, that he would be in charge. Stock markets across Europe h



The British envoy to the UN, John Foreign Minister Faris Bouez of Lebanon on Mon-

By Joel Greenberg New York Times Service

JERUSALEM — Sending out diplomatic feelers to end an increasingly costly military involvement in southern Lebanon, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahn has indicated a readiness to comply with a United Nations resolution calling on it to withdraw, if Lebanon cooperated in ensuring security along the border.

Mr. Netanyahn's statement at a weekly cabinet meeting couched long-standing Israeli policy in new diplomatic terms. He referred explicitly to UN Security Council Resolution 425, which has been a basis for demands by Lebanon and its patron, Syria, for an uncon-ditional Israeli withdrawal.

But the Lebanese government reiterated Monday that it will oot negotiate over the resolution.
"No one, including Lebanon, is allowed to reconsider or interpret Resolution 425 in any way." Foreign Minister Paris Bouez said in Berrut.

Mr. Netanyahu's signal, echoed by Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, came during renewed debate in Israel over whether it should pull out of Lebanon. Attendon was focused on Netanyahu Wants Beirut To Guarantee Security

Israel Seeks Deal to Quit Lebanon Buffer Zone

killed there last Thursday by a shell fired by Hezbollah guerrillas.

Israel has occupied parts of southern Lebanon since 1978, holding a 15-kilometer (nine-mile) strip of territory since 1985 as a buffer against guerrilla attacks on northern Israel. But Israeli casualties there have been mounting in daily skirmishes with Hezbollah, which is fighting to oust the 1,500 Israeli soldiers and their local Christian militia ally, the South Lebanon Army.

The latest losses revived calls in Israel for an uncontitional withdrawal. Four Israeli soldiers have been killed in southern Lebanon this year, and 39 died there in 1997, the highest single-year toll since the zone was established.

"There is no policy of anilateral withdrawal. because in our assessment that would increase Hezbollah attacks into the Galilee," Mr. Netanyahu was quoted as saying in a cabinet state-ment. "If the government of Lebanon will join us in establishing the proper security arrangements in southern Lebanon, we will be happy to

get out of Lebanon in the framework of im-plementing UN Resolution 425.

The resolution was passed March 19, 1978, during the Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon. The council called on Israel to "withdraw forthwith its forces from all Lebanese territory.

Although the Israeli statements Sunday were similar to offers in the past that have been rejected by Lebanon and Syria, officials said they signaled a departure from previous demands for third-party involvement in a withdrawal arrangement and a willingness to work out a security deal separate from an overall peace agreement.

■ Israelis Looks to Europe for Help

Israel is seeking help from the European com-munity, especially France, to negotiate security arrangements that would allow Israeli troops to leave Lebanon, The Associated Press reported officials in Jerusalem as saying Monday.

On Sunday, the Israeli cabinet secretary, Danny Naveh, and Mr. Netanyahu's political adviser, Uzi Arad, went to France to enlist Paris's help. And the Foreign Ministry has instructed Israeli embassies to win the backing of European countries for the Israeli initiative, said the ministry's spokesman, Haim Koren.

GERMANY: In This Battle of Appearances, Expect the Candidates to Shun Risky Issues

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A diplomat said the British and U.S. instincts are great, favoring the experience of Mr. Kohl. Yet above all else, the election asks if Germany has not had enough of the reunification chancellor, enough of an approach and a style that may not work anymore. And it is at this point that Mr. Schroeder's comfortable manner, his appearance of substance, his approximate allegiance to the center — "modern economics with social respon-sibility" — makes him a very convin-- makes him a very convincing candidate and a very conceivable

On a European grid going back 50 years, the election presents the unusual situation of a leader who has already won historical recognition facing a challenge, and potential repudiation, in a direct vote. Since Winston Churchill, Mr. Kohl's contemporaries in achievewas it should be within a reasonable time. "Mr. Hamdoon said. "I mean, this process cannot continue forever."

(Reuters, AP)

Wil. Roll & Charles in Mestern Europe — Konrad Adment rates and aborted reform programs, the chancellor cannot win on statements of his accomplishments, but on the assertion Germany has no better man to its parted in ways that did not involve their run affairs during a period when it will defeat as candidates in national electrade in the Deutsche mark for the com-

The high drama fits in here: a 68-year-Mr. Hamdoon and Richard Butler, the old man defending a remarkable polit-the fuzzy authority of the European Uo-nief UN arms inspector, have disagreed ical lifetime against a challenger 15 ion. years younger than himself who says the chancellor's time is up. In this respect, with an opponent who has no European the election probably promises a more or wider international experience, and

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Mr. Schroeder acknowledged Monday

"You cannot say we have become twins

Similarly, Mr. Schroeder appears cool to

proposals as abolishing NATO and raising

Europe since the ideologically charged presidential election in France in 1981 when Mr. Mitterrand, a Socialist, defeated the conservative incumbent,

Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

As much as Mr. Giscard d'Estaing and Mr. Mitterrand were similar in their desire to portray themselves as men of intellect, vision, and decisiveness, Mr. Kohl and Mr. Schroeder share a willingness to be seen as realists, men with literally broad shoulders and big appetites, at case in being German, eager to be accepted as politicians who talk from the heart.

To win, Mr. Kohl will have to focus attention on the risks be insists Germany faces, his personal reservoir of respect and power in Europe, and the uncer-tainties he says Mr. Schroeder repre-sents. With record postwar unemploy-ment rates and aborted reform programs, mon European currency, and surrender its dominant monetary role in Europe to

The chancellor will contrast bimself

While acknowledging that a governing al-

Even though Mr. Kohl is laboring under the

handicap of high unemployment and a belief

power too long, the chancellor insisted that his

Mr. Kohl said at a press conference in Boun on Monday that he would focus his

message on what be perceives as the perilous

prospect of a Red-Green coalition and the

vague ambiguioes in Mr. Schroeder's quest

ruonths will be: Hear Schroeder, what do you want and what do you stand for?"

to capture the middle ground in policies.

party's chances still looked good.

hance with the Greens may still be "the most likely constellation" after the September elec-tions, be said it could "fail for political or

SPD: Schroeder Charts a 'Middle' Path to Power

the idea of a "Red-Green" coalition even though many Social Democrats favor it. He endured an unhappy alliance with them in Lower Saxony and has ridiculed such Green will be asking over the next few weeks and

or anti-American positions - now

abandoned - through the Gulf War. man European and foreign policy to the country's neighbors and allies. In most political scenarios, a coalition between the two parties would be necessary if Mr.

If Mr. Schroeder resembles another Schroeder, even as top vote-getter, is to take office.

The irony in this approach for Mr. Kohl is that his insistence on presenting himself and his party as the safe choice clashes with the now-dominant notion of insecurity about jobs, the future and so-cial protection that has developed among voters during his last term. This makes it more difficult for the chancellor to stress how poblic debt has grown in Mr. Schroeder's Lower Saxony from 40 million DM to 65 million DM (\$22 million to \$36 million) since 1990, bow Lower Saxony's unemployment rate of 12.6 is above the average of most of the western German states, and how the Social Democrat has kept industry at Party.

By contrast, Mr. Schroeder will personal. It may very well be Mr. cagerly compare himself to Tony Blair Schroeder's winning formula.

home with state takeovers and subsi-

compelling confrontation than any in who beld Euro-skeptical opinions until and his notions of restructuring the wel-Europe since the ideologically charged modulating them barely six months ago, fare society within a framework of strong commitment to social justice. In fact, Mr. Schroeder is working from a Mr. Kohl will also point out to the electorate the potential incompatibility of an alliance between the Social Democrats and the Greens, with their grab bag of opinions, in offering a coherent German European and foreign roller to the

> candidate, it is probably the Bill Clinton of 1992 in the diffuse left-of-center tone of his message and in his confidence in characterizing his opponent as a man who served the country well but is now tired, immobile and considerably out of

In accepting the state election victory that meant his nomination, Mr. Schroeder was imprecise on policy, but clear on Chancellor Kohl.

In his first public statement, he poin-ted to Mr. Kohl as a "wounded chancellor" who might, regardless of his party's denials, be replaced as candidate by Wolfgang Schaeuble, the parliamentary leader of the Christian Democratic

The approach was moderate, shorn of excess or vituperation, and completely

BRIEFLY

Suspect in Israel Offers Compromise

JERUSALEM - An American teenager has agreed to leave Israel to stand trial for murder in the United States if be can serve any prison time in Israel, bis lawyer said Monday.

A U.S. prosecutor bas said Samuel Sheinbein, 17, is too young to face a death sentence. But his attorney, David Libai, said the youth feared for his life in a U.S. prison.

Mr. Sheinbein fled Maryland in September to avoid trial on charges he murdered and dismembered Alfred Tello, 19. The United States has been seeking his extradition since November. Israel says that the yonth bolds Israeli citizenship, and Israeli law bars extradition of a cit-

Zimbabwe Yows To Stifle Strike

HARARE, Zimbabwe - Veterans of the war of independence from Britain threatened Monday to attack whites, blaming them for inciting a strike that the government has vowed to quell with police force.

The nation's biggest labor con-federation, the Zimbabwe Congress of Trade Unions, has called a strike for Tuesday and Wednesday to protest the economic policies of Pres-

ident Robert Mugabe's government. Labor Minister Florence Chitauro declared the strike illegal and said the law required participants in an illegal strike to be fired, state

radio reported. Commerce Minister Nathan Shamnyarira warned that army troops would help police "ensure peace prevails" and that the government would take "drastic and punitive" action against strikers. He also accused the nation's 80,000 whites of backing the strike and of "damaging the economy that sustains them.

Chenjerai Hunzvi, head of the War Veterans' Association, said his members would march to whites' homes in Harare's wealthy northern suburbs, contending that white-owned businesses were supporting the strike to destroy the government.

If the government deploys the army, it would be the second time the military has been used to curb civil nnrest since Zimbabwe won independence in 1980. In the previous case, troops quelled food riots in January and at least five people died. (AP)

SHARES: Faced With Shrinking Government Benefits, Europeans Start Playing the Market

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resolve with Mr. Lafontaine.

year, almost 60 percent bought in. And two-thirds of those purchased extra Nor are the Lufthansa employees

is pruned back and economies coalesce, Europeans are having to learn to become shareholders - and, indeed, to think about money in entirely new ways.

lower. That steady descent is prompting Mr. Butler said the Iraqi envoy's an- individuals and families to shift their swer "troubles mc slightly because ac- savings from bonds, insurance policies rually it doesn't depend on how you see and bank accounts to common stock and,

climbing to record levels. On Monday, key indexes in Paris, Frankfurt and London set records. In Frankfurt, the DAX index rose 0.57 percent, while the Paris CAC-40 rose 0.72 percent and in London European and American financial—The Paris Cac Times Steek Explanation of European and American financial—The virtues of the market also have the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index rose 0.92 percent.

Economic change is sculpting something bigger, too: a greater sense among people, be they German or French, Italian or Spanish, that they alone are responsible for their financial security.

"There is an insecurity that the state might no longer guarantee your future,"
Mr. Ogursky, 29, said. "The state is not yet saying that, but I've got 35 years ahead of me, or longer, and that's wby I believe it will get more like in America, that you will have to lonk after yourself."

The analogy appeals to American inthis fundamental change in European investor behavior — and are confident Stock markets across Europe have been that their experience at home gives them

trenches for the coming fray. In December, Bankers Trust New York Corp. acquired the European equities division of National Westminster Bank of Britain. A mouth earlier, Merrill Lynch bought one of Europe's largest investment firms, Mercury Asset Management.

Likewise, many of the past year's big Wall Street deals, such as Travelers Group's \$9 billion acquisition of Salomon Brothers, have been undertaken with Europe in mind — driven, at least partly, by a desire to meld the global equity and bond underwriting capacity vestment banks and brokerages, which of one partner with the international expect to be among the beneficiaries of retail distribution network of the other. Insurance companies also are scram-

bling for position. Last week, Commercial Union, one of Britain's largest insurers, said it would pay \$10.8 billion to acquire General Accident, creating a company that would rank among the top five insurers in Europe. Deregulation of the European life-insurance market and the restructuring of welfare laws played a part in the deal, the companies said.

Another beneficiary is expected to be the U.S. stock market itself. Just as Americans have been urged for years to diversify their stock portfolios by investing internationally, Europeans bit by the investment bug are funneling money into foreign markets, including the United States. According to a report by J.P. Morgan Securities in London, cet foreign purchases of American shares in the first half of 1997 totaled \$30.1 billion, more than twice the amount for all of 1996. Much of that money came from Europe.

Of course, the oew investor mind-set is hardly universal. Many Europeans reby playing the stock market today.

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who operates a photo agency in Rome.
"You have to follow your investments carefully, diversifying as much as pos-

Chancellor Helmut Kohl pausing during a press conference Monday, a day after his party's defeat in the Lower Saxony vote.

services companies are rapidly digging failed, so far, to penetrate broad swaths of rural and working-class Europe. But even here, change is in the offing. In Italy, for instance, private pension funds are being established for workers in the chemical and metalworking industries to take up the slack left by cutbacks in the

government pension system.

Maurizio Benetti, a pension expert at
the big CISL labor-union federacion. said the resulting increase in familiarity with the stock market was likely to encourage hourly workers to shift savings into stocks from traditional investment vehicles such as real estate or government bonds. Moderates such as Mr. Benetti say employee shareholdings will help shift the balance of power in Italian corporations toward the workers, though leftist unions disagree.

Still, despite the fears and hesitation, what Germans call an Aktienkultur and the Italians a cultura dell'azione - both of which translate roughly as an "equity culture" — is emerging.

Throughout the region, privatizations

of huge state enterprises have planted the seeds. Britain went first, in the early 1980s. The initial sale of British Telecom by the government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher created 2.5 million to 3 million shareholders; the sale of British Gas produced 5 million more. Even in France, where politicians have openly sneered at Anglo-Saxon models of freemarket capitalism, stock is selling. When France Telecom was sold to the public last year, 3.8 million people bought.

The next big step is expected in 1999. when 11 European nations will scrap their national currencies and replace them with the euro. European investors main uncomfortable with the idea of accustomed to focusing on their national buying financial security for tomorrow economies and currencies are expected opportunities - weighing sectors like pharmaceuticals against automobiles, or pulp and paper against steel - and to look more closely at credit risk.

The economic logic behind it all is needed an alternative.

Swiss to Reopen Algiers Embassy

BERN - Switzerland will reopen its embassy in Algiers, after closing it three and a half years ago, the Foreign Ministry said Monday. The mission was closed in September 1994 following dozens of attacks on foreigners by Muslim fundamentalists.

The government will dispatch a team of 12 armed security specialists to provide protecooo for the embassy's staff and the building, officials said.

A Foreign Ministry official said Switzerland needed someone in Algiers to report on what was is happening in the country.

simple. Governments simply do not have the money to pay for social services as they did in the past, so private savings have to be mobilized.

"There is a huge wave of needs — in pensions, health, education — and govemments cannot deficit-finance it." said John Llewellyn, chief global economist at Lehman Brothers in London. "Fewer basics will be paid for by tax contributions, and more by the private sector."

Gabriela Bracconi knows all about that A smartly dressed advertising executive in her 40s, she sits at a booth inside a Milan branch of Credito Italiano, filling out a questionnaire and chatting with an adviser to give the bank a picture of her assets and investment needs.

As Italy has tightened its fiscal belt to qualify for the euro, bond yields have tumbled, causing conservative investors sach as Miss Bracconi to scramble into to reach increasingly for Europe-wide more lucrative investments such as stocks in order to increase their chances of being able to retire in comfort.

When government bonds began yielding less," Miss Bracconi said, "I

Todd Duncan, the First 'Porgy,' Is Dead at 95

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — Todd Duncan, 95, made him the first black singer to per-the baritone who created the role of form opera with a white cast. That debut occurred 10 years before Marian Anand was the first black singer to join the derson made her celebrated debut at the New York City Opera, died Saturday in Metropolitan Opera. By then be had also

Washington. Mr. Duncan, whose other stage credits included the Lord's General in Ver- Verdi's "Rigoletto." non Duke's "Cabin in the Sky" and Opera in 1945, when he sang Tonio in a chained in 1955.

Pagliacci. York with black opera companies, starting with a 1934 production of Masand recorded some of the music, along cagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," with with songs from "Lost in the Stars."

the Aeolian Opera, his City Opera debut Dermot Morgan, 45, Actor appeared at City Opera as Escamillo in Bizet's "Carmen" and in the title role of

Mr. Duncan was also a much sought-Stephen Kumalo in the first production after recitalist, and often said that reof Kurt Weill's "Lost in the Stars," was citals interested him more than opera and known for his elegant phrasing and burn- the theater. In a career that lasted 25 ished tone, as well as his dramatic per-years, he sang 2,000 recitals in 56 counsuasiveness. Those qualities won him tries. He also appeared in two films, his debut role at the New York City "Syncopation" in 1942 and "Un-

reduction of Leoncavallo's Mr. Duncan appeared in 124 performances of "Porgy" during the premiere run at the Alvin Theater in 1935. He also

Who Played 'Father Ted'

LONDON (AP) - Dermot Morgan, 45, the Irish actor who played the title role in "Father Ted," the hit TV comedy that pokes gentle fun at the Roman Catholic Church, died early Sunday. The silver-haired actor collapsed at

his London home on Saturday night and died later at a hospital. News reports said be suffered a beart attack. Mr. Morgan, who just finished filming the third and last series of the Britishmade program, said at a recent news conference, "After three series playing this priest, I want to get out of the dog

Lucien Bodard, 84, a French war game," said Massimo Mandorino, 39, journalist and novelist who won the Prix Goncourt for "Anne-Marie" in 1981, died of a beart attack Sunday in Paris.

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London Adds Substance to Spectacle



McQueen's Joan of Arc chain-mail knit dress, center, and clockwise from bottom left: Berardi's leather pantsuit; Chalayan's geometric-collured coat; McQueen's python cape-shouldered dress; Smith's moiré fitted coat and pants, and Macdonald's be-feathered textured knit top and skirt.

By Suzy Menkes

ONDON -- The hell-fire glow at the end of Alexander Mc-Oueen's runway was symbolic. London has become a fashion beacon for the international collec-

For the first time, the shows that ran through last week were not just about wacky ideas and whimsical eccentricity. There was substance - read grown-up clothes — behind the hype. The fashion pros have now decamped to Milan, but there is no longer a sense of moving from the second division to the

London still offered drama and spectacle: McQueen's ode to Joan of Arc, with a model in scarlet sequins trapped in a ring of fire on the asphalt runway; Hussein Chalayan's play on fashion geometry with cut-out clothes and colored cubes, and Julien Macdonald's

merry carnival of knits. But these designers have also mastered technique, making cut, fit and subtle decoration the key to the season. A more baleful trend in London was chaotic scheduling, widely dispersed

venues and unacceptably late shows. After finding fame as an aggressive agent provocateur, McQueen produced a mature and well-focused collection. Looking at the impeccable tailoring, it was hard to believe that a year ago the same designer sent out cavewoman goat skins in apocalyptic chaos. This season, the Joan of Arc theme was interpreted as a cape shoulder on a fitted coat, triple rows of buttons like a crompe l'oeil military uniform and chain-mail mesh dresses, all in a color palette of steel gray, hlack

and blood red. "Joan has so many references -- she was a powerful woman and that's what I did," said McQueen, who sported the same red-eye contact lenses and albinobleached hair as the models.

IS strong women marched out in pin-striped pantsuits, a sleek jumpsuit with cargo pockets or a corset and long skirt in mixed plaids - all McQueen signatures given a fresh angle. And that is the designer's strength. At 28, he has already established a design identity.

New was the diamond-shaped seaming that fitted jackets to the body and

gray denim spliced with red stitching. McQueen also worked fluid draped dresses to show a softer side of his strong woman. Only a photoprint of Victorian children seemed less as-

McQueen's confidence and the refinement of his signature ideas was impressive and suggests that the designer, who has already gone so far so fast, still has a way to go.

There is something noble about Chalayan's uncompromising commitment to his cause, which is to explore volume and space around the human body. As his models walked out against the mirrored room dividers, with colored plastic squares on their lips, their clothes formed a liquid geometry, with arms opening up, capes on shoulders and sweaters cut out in a circle from the armpits. Working with gray, black and occasionally red, Chalayan showed his cutting skills and made the clothes artistic, as when a red thread traced the surface or a dress hem

unscrolled at the front. The designer took the open-side theme of a previous collection and made tabards and jumper dresses that were elegant and wearable. So were close-tothe-body sweaters, some with geometric-shaped collars, worn with A-line wrap skirts or pants. Chalayan's graphic, modern knitwear has landed him a contract to design for Tse Cashmere in New York. But his tailoring is also precise, and the finale, when models in flesh-toned bodysuits carried colored cubes, made a poetic ending to a fine

Antonio Berardi seems less sure of his identity. He is associated with sexy leather: skinny pantsuits perforated and frill-edged. But this collection seemed overwrought and overstyled, what with turquoise eye shadow, orange lips, vivid, not to say garish, clothes and socks worn with high-heel shoes.

A New York street set made an imaginative backdrop and there were pieces worked with subtle embellishment like a pleated edge or Tirolean hraid. An underlying sportswear theme might have been developed: hooded sweaters, ski caps with fedoras and biker shorts under sheer dresses. The mishmash of sexpot evening wear suggested that Berardi was auditioning for the Versacc job for which he is still supposed to be a

Well over the top was Macdonald's

show of wondrous knits, with a feather here, Mongolian lamb there, along with fringing, embroidery and tinsel. The designer's exuberance is endearing, but in this show it became exhausting, as models sashaved out from an enchanted forest in a silver bodysuit, a patterned sweater with frioged miniskirt or a sheer toga dress. A Michael Jackson lookalike hamming it up in the front row distracted attention from the quiet elegance of simpler black outfits in lacy

Behind all that was a magical play on texture and artistic one-of-a-kind pieces, where tiny pearls burrowed into the stitching. And maybe Marks and Spencer, which has taken Macdonald as knitwear consultant, will be happy to find 10 decorative ideas dangling from each outfil.

Paul Smith showed his maturity as a designer. Putting his women's collection on the runway for the first time, he avoided the pitfalls of costume-party looks and fancy styling and just did what be does; clothes for women based on menswear lines.

ISSING was the irreverence and irooy that permeates the men's collections and prevents them from looking like Ralph Lauren's theme park England. Smith's recent men's shows have been a sly take on class and the English aristocracy. The same idea was suggested by shabbychic front-row armchairs. But Smith seemed timid, giving the classics just an occasional swish of bright lining, a peck of a hird embroidery and a sweetening of fondant pink. He needs to loosen up his women's wear to get his signature blend of wearable clothes

with a zest, Two other designers made modern clothes with a focus on fabric and embellishment. John Rocha put discreet patches of devore, embroidery and appliqué on pepper-and-salt tweed suits. Joe Casely-Hayford was inspired by Bertolt Brecht's "Mother Courage" to put dabs of smocking or cross-stitching

on homespun textures. Deborah Milner, on the brink of signing a contract with Versace (although she said "I can't really talk about it"). showed clothes sculpted in extraordinary materials on an African tribal theme from stainless-steel plumage through a fluorescent jacket of coiled

ropes. Ghost looked like a parody of Spice Gul dressing, with its flashy. wannabe sexy clothes in cheap fabrics.

Unripe, hor intriguing were the col-lections of two recent Saint Martin's graduates: Tristan Webber, whose intricate bias cutting was shown in a runway tornado created by a wind-machine, and Andrew Groves's trishinspired collection of long skirts and full-sleeved blouses that ended in a simulated self-immolation.

Nicole Fischelis, fashioo director of Saks Fifth Avenue, praised London's energy and the evolution of forwardlooking designers.

"We liked the mix of urban and whimsical clothes," she said, "On the one hand you have the moed of opulence and embellishment. On the other there are very realistic clothes. London deserves credit for what it has accomplished in the last four years.

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Strapless top over sparkle sweater and soft pants by Narciso Rodriguez.

A Brave New Face For Milan Designers

luornational Herald Tribune !LAN - A new generation is turning the bella figura image of Italian fashion inside our. The touchy-feely collection from Narciso

Rodriguez that kicked off the Milan fall-winter season, was as far as the wheel can turn from the city's earlier bravura flamboyance. Instead of exterior flash to an-

nounce your cash, Rodriguez - the winner of a design award last month from the Council of Fashion Designers of America --- showed a collection on Sunday that was sumptuous in its dense, light fabrics, simple in shape and subtle in color and decoration.

That meant felted cashmere jumper dresses snuggled over sweaters with stardust embroidery on the sleeves. Or strapless dresses and bustiers in flat. ary wools worn over fluffy sweaters. Shearling jackets, woolly hose and Birkenstock carpet slippers added to the sense of cozy private pleasure.

"li's hidden luxury — linle jewels that are kept on the inside that you don't let people see" said Rodriguez, whose current collection, according to Bonnie Pressman of Barneys, is fiving out of the store.

The message was case and grace: 3011. ultra-long jersey pants with square front pockers, loose jackets and over-the-knee skirts. They were slightly soggy compared with the elegant long skirts, bias-cut or paneled. Shades of gray, fawn and khaki, with sudden shafts of sky blue and the discreet sparkle, made for a good collection of modern pieces shown in an

official way. The all-gray collection in felted wool and cotton poplin from Philosuch you Alberta Ferretti was a splencid showcase for the new thick-but-

light Italian fabrics. Subtle needlecraft creating modem embellishment included raised seams on tailored coats and crochet hems on long felt dresses. That contrasted with raw edges on poplin tops and ragged tulle hems above tweedy judo slippers. It added up to a cool take on femininity. as small jackets and tidy coats went over the long dresses and box-pleated skirts that are now challenging the supremacy of panis.

Call it the Titanic effect (or maybe the Galliano factor), but most designers can't seem to create modern romance without embracing the past. Anna Molinari sent out for Blumarine on Monday a collection of delicate slip dresses and tiny knits with lace or fur trimmings. Jet embroidery, lacy necklaces and dove gray, mauve and pink colors inspired by Boldini and Degas paintings came from the turn of the century. Theo oof! a move forward - but only to the 1920s -- for the satin slips and tiny heads trimmed with velvet ribbons. Since vintagestyle is still in vogue, it made for a pretty but familiar collection.

In contrast with London designers. who are only just starting complementary and less expensive lines, the Milan calendar features layers of products from the major designers. Although Giorgio Armani has moved his Emporio show to Paris, to reinforce the launch of his French store in Saint-Germain, Gianfranco Ferre is showing three collections. The first was his Studio line for Marzotto. which focused on curvy tailoring, tactile fabrics and a new range of unfussy evening clothes from little black dresses through velvet wrap jackets.

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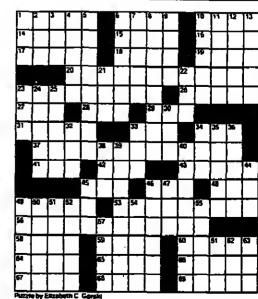
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Macedonia Threat

Rising violence in the Kosovo province of Serbia has dangerous implications not only for Kosovo but also for its neighbors. Ethnic Albanians make up 90 percent of Kosovo's population but suffer severe repression at the hards of the government. In the lect the hands of the government. In the last six months a group of ethnic Albanians, the Kosovo Liberation Army, has stepped up its terrorist attacks in Kosovo and claimed credit for two bombings in neighboring Macedonia. That is why a Security Council resolution that cuts off the peacekeeping mission in Macedonia

in August is a mistake. Violence in Macedonia could draw Yugoslavia, Albania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey into the conflict. That is why in 1992 the UN deployed a peacekeeping force to the country. The mission has prevented a spillover of violence from Bosnia, blocked arms smuggling to Albania and maintained peace along the Yugoslavia-Macedonia border.

The Security Council voted to end the

mission largely at the orging of Russia, which thid not want to see a continued U.S. presence in the Balkans. The threat to Macedonia from Bosnia seemed to have receded with the gradual implementation of the peace accords. But the Security Council members should have taken into account events in Kosovo, which are a more direct danger.

New peacekeepers, possibly under the auspices of NATO and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, must come in when the UN mission leaves. They should not be an would be without the peacekeepers.

No Easy Choices

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's agreement with Saddam Hussein will be put to the test in coming days, weeks and months, as President Bill Clinton has said. The merits of the agreement have been greatly exaggerated by adminis-tration advocates. They ask those who question it if they would have preferred war. They don't seem to understand that critics have said not that they would have preferred war but that they would have preferred a better agreement.

Nevertheless, at least for the moment, the agreement defused a crisis in which Mr. Clinton found himself faced with a range of unattractive options - and it offers some time to develop a strategy that might leave the United States in a better position if, as seems likely, Saddam tests the UN's resolve again.

One strain of thought argues for a policy seeking Saddam Hussein's removal from power. Neither bombing nor even the most rigorous inspection regime reliably can remove all chemical and biological weapons from Iraq. Even if inspectors could comfortably certify the nation 99 percent anthrax-free, Iraq would have the wherewithal and technical expertise to rebuild. Saddam apparently sees such weapons as essential to his survival and his nation's defense against possible attack from Iran. He has used the weapons in the past and can be expected to use them again.

'His regime threatens the safety of his people, the stability of his region and the security of all the rest of us," Mr. Clinton said recently — in which case only the end of his regime, it would seem, can solve the problem.

But if the logic is clear, the mechanisms are far less so. Some experts maintain that Saddam's grip on power is challed that his records are residued.

is shaky, that his people are ready to turn against him, that his armed forces are weak and demoralized. Others believe that he has insulated himself all ton well.

Some, including the Clinton administration, argue that only a large-scale commitment of U.S. ground troops could guarantee his downfall. Others say that a small number of troops could do the joh if America supported antiregime forces, beamed anti-Saddam propaganda into Iraq and consistently pressured his regime in other ways.

The administration believes that

neither the U.S. public nor U.S. allies

exclusively military force, as a civilian component is needed to monitor possibly explosive internal events in Macedonia and to press the government to respect minority rights and defuse eth-nic conflicts. No one knows how serious the real threat of a new Balkan war

The world should not be too eager to

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

would support a major campaign; ad-ministration critics say this is true but not immutable and reflects weak U.S. leadership. Both sides agree that to set Saddam's removal as a goal and then fail, and to offer support to the resistance and not follow through, would be unforgivable. A second school of thought argues for

A second school of thought argues for containment: As long as Saddam knows be would face massive retaliation, he would not use his weapons of mass destruction. In the meantime, economic sanctions, no-fly zones and other tools could keep him boxed in. Some proponents suggest this policy should include improved U.S. relations with Iraq's neighbors, possibly including Iran, and support for anti-Saddam forces short of full commitment. The UN inspection regime is part of this strategy along with, for the administration and some other proponents, a willingness to conduct punishing but limited air strikes against fraq at some point if it again flouts inspectors' demands.

Drawbacks to containment include the danger of ceding the initiative to Saddam. He can force the United States to maintain a large and expensive military force in the region and, as be has done twice in the past four months, he can choose his time and method to provoke a crisis. Containment requires patience and unity among allies, and the Iraqi leader has proved skillful at challenging both. In the gains he has made during the past months - the legitimacy Kofi Annan conferred on him, the changes he managed to negotiate in the composition of UN inspection teams — Saddam has shown the difficulty of

maintaining this policy over time. So there are no easy choices. Sec-retary of State Madeleine Albright, in trying to answer her critics last week, defended what she called "a realworld policy, not a feel-good policy." Yet it is true that the administration's inattention to Iraq during the past six years in the real world played a role in creating the meager options available now, and that greater attention could improve the possibilities. Certainly, to marry the rhetoric of removal — by likening Saddam Hussein to Hitler and warning of the imminent threat he represents — to a policy of containment can only undermine U.S. credibility. -THE WASHINGTON POST.

Murdoch's Villainy

In some ways, the latest Rupert Mur-doch saga has the uncomfortable feel of the most recent James Bond movie: international media mogul learns that a book being published by one of the lesser arms of his communications empire might anger the Chinese government, which allows him to broadcast in its country. So what does the mogul do? Does he stand firm for a free press?

The villain in "Tomorrow Never Dies," the latest Bond movie, was prepared to do anything to enhance his media business, including provoking a war between China and Britain. He was clearly a parody of Mr. Murdoch. In real life, Mr. Murdoch has followed a similar, if less violent, impulse.

At issue is a book being written hy Chris Patten, a widely respected polincian who was the last British governor

of Hong Kong.

After Mr. Patten submitted his first draft to the Murdoch-owned Harper-Collins, the publisher abruptly canceled its contract with him. HarperCollins executives claimed Mr. Patten's effort was not what had been promised and did not "inspire" them from a commercial standpoint." But the real reason is that the book, which will now be published elsewhere, criticizes China's human rights abuses and. expresses concern about how the

Chinese will govern Hong Kong.
This would not be the first time Mr. Murdoch has bowed to China's demands. In 1994 his Star TV canceled the BBC news service in its broadcasts to China because the government objected to its reports. At the time, Mr. Patten labeled the cancellation "the most seedy of betrayals" by a Western media executive.

A confidential HarperCollins memo, published last week in London's Daily Telegraph, lays out the corporate spin and predicts that the book's cancellation will earn the publishing house a "hos-tile press." On that point the memo was right. The decision is contemptible.

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Saddam's Strategy, or the Dictator Is in the Details

WASHINGTON — Having suffered a half-defeat at the hands of President George Bush, Saddam Hussein scored a half-victory over President Bill Clinton. That is apparent to anyone who troubles to read the agreement that Saddam did not deign to sign,

ment that Saddam did not derign to sign, especially the "fine print" that United Nations officials urge us to ignore.

But the dictator is in the details. In the key paragraph, Iraq accords inspectors "immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access" to — what? There's no object in that sentence. No clear language states "access to all sites the UN chooses to inspect"

Instead, the secretary-general agreed to a fuzzy "access in conformity with the resolutions referred to in paragraph 1." Search back to paragraph 1 to find out access to what, and you get a couple of 1991 resolutions that leave out the most stringent one that Unscom inspectors quote to affirm clear rights of access.

Clintonites pretend this means nothing, but UN bureaucrats and Arab diplomats caught the signal: Access is to be negotiated on a site-by-site basis, with impediments to be introduced as the United States tires of churnBy William Safire

ing its carriers around in the Gulf. But what of the opening of the eight presidential "palaces" with Yevgeni Primakov's KGB chaperones — isn't that a great victory for access? No; after Kofi Annan's stmmons to Baghdad, sanitization, those palaces will be after which Saddam must have danced a prondly shown to the world's cameras with a smiling "See? All clean. Weren't you foolish to be worried."
Then the palaces will be placed offlimits again — for uncheckable storage

of germ warfare equipment.

This is the new technique of "guer-rilla peace," the way a third-class power can defeat a superpower. The hapless Clinton team says sternly it intends to test Saddam, but in reality be has been testing us for years - steadily poking holes in our leaky containment. In his most serious test, Saddam struck at our CIA-sponsored opposition in northern Iraq, wiping out its headquarters in Arbil and bringing the Kurds' Massond Barzani to Baghdad on his knees. Mr. Clinton expressed irritation by lobbing a few dozen mis-siles into the southern desert. Small wonder that Saddam was emboldened

to throw out inspectors pursuing his nology to strike anywhere, any time. germ war production. For Saddam is not Saddam without

His second test of our American resolve was his demand that the UN nearly triple the amount of oil he was permitted to sell. We offered that sop to Cerberus on the eve of UN Secretary-General

jig as Hitler did at Compiègne forest.

Having smashed internal opposition
with ludicrous U.S. response; having
eroded sanctions in return for another promise to keep broken inspection agreements; having maneavered the feckless U.S. president into threatening military action without a mission, wha is the dictator's next goal?

He does not have to precipitate another confrontation, forcing an American bomb spasm and possibly annoying his guard. As a good guerrilla be only has to harass, give way, harass again.

Little by little, one corruption at a time, he can rid himself of effective

inspection and erode the rest of the sanctions — without giving up his ability to develop germs, poison gas and, ultimately, nuclear weapons. And with new oil revenues,

the incipient possession of a terror weapon. Without its potential he is just another local dictator. With it he can say to the Arab world: Only I can save you from 60 million nuclear-equipped Persigns. Only I can enable you to dream of

obliterating the lewish intruders. Only I can humiliate the superpower. Mr. Clinton has shown time and again that he is not the one to frustrate Saddam's revival. Nor is our present president likely to be afforded clear provocation for an unavoidable and

publicly supported strike. The Clinton strategy comes as a prayer. Let this cup pass from my lips.
Our next president, confronted with Saddam's tanks rolling through Kuwait to Sandi Arabia, will prepare to counter-attack. Saddam will credibly threaten, if we do, to take out a major U.S. city in a germ attack. We counterthreaten nuclear holocaust. He laughs — just for Sandi oil Sandi oil, are we really ready for an exchange of wholesale death? At that point, Mr. Clinton's gamble

with our security may come in for some

America's Choice: Accept the UN or Prepare to Go It Alone

PARIS - Trent Lott, leader of the U.S. Senate's Republican majority, said that UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has been "calling the shots' on U.S. policy toward American exceptionalism. A lraq. He says American for-distaste for foreign "entangleeign policy is being made by

the United Nations. This obviously is part of a rather stupid partisan quarrel in Washington, but Senator Lott is correct when he says that Mr. Annan's agreement in Baghdad was not made on terms laid down by the United States.

Washington's problem is this: By undertaking to act as agent of the "international community," it ran into the determination of that international community to have a say about what was done in its name and on its behalf.

This bothers Mr. Lott and others because they want the United States to be free to act as it sees fit. They do not trust the United Nations, nor do they like interference or second-guessing from America's allies. Theirs is a comprehensible

unilateralism, a position defen-

ded by many in the past. The idea that the United States

should stand tall — in solitary

virtue, unencumbered by the United States, and is required to preoccupations of other states expresses the traditional distaste for foreign "entangle-ments" is as old as the republic. Today it presents a serious difficulty for the Clinton

A day after Mr. Annan's return to New York from Baghdad, an obviously planted story in The New York Times (IHT. Feb. 26) told of a "secret" flight made to New York by Madeleine Albright on Feb. 15 for a "secret meeting" with the secretary-general at his town house. There she is said to have presented America's "requirements" for Mr. Annan's mission to Baghdad. The purpose of the story is to claim (as The Times' headline put it) that the "fingerprints on the Iraqi

administration.

accord belong to Albright." The secretary of state will certainly have seen Mr. Annan and told him what the United States wanted him to do. But even though Mr. Annan was Washington's nominee for the post of secretary-general, be him to Baghdad, where their works for the UN, not for the diplomats had been telling the

By William Pfaff take his mandate from the Security Council, not from Wash-

ington. He did not need U.S. approval to go to Baghdad.

Nor would the Security
Council agree with the United
States on instructions for Mr.

Annan. John Weston, Britain's
representative to the UN, saved the day, following the council's inconclusive debate, by giving Mr. Annan an oral summary of those things on which the council had been able to agree. Mr.

this unwritten "advice," and the measure of negotiating freedom it conferred. This was also a case amazingly enough - of European Union foreign policy at work, in this instance using the good cop/bad cop technique.

Annan went to Baghdad with

The loyal British, ready to go to war by America's side, humored Washington and finessed the Security Council problem. The bad French briefed Mr. Annan in Paris on what they knew about the Iraqis' thinking and then flew

prevent the bombing and get sanctions lifted.

Following Mr. Annan's re-turn to New York, the Italians, in the person of their prime minister, and France's presi-dent, Jacques Chirac, both sug-gested that if there were compliance, a way must now be found (as Mr. Chirac put it) "to reinsert Iraq into the interna-tional community." That means lightening and eventually lifting the sanctions on Iraq. Such a statement was un-

doubtedly awaited in Baghdad. The United States is not pleased by all this. Mrs. Albright does not like to be preempted. The Republican opposition certainly does not like what has happened. Mr. Lott and security than membership says it means "peace at any

Whatever it means, the United States has either to live with it - accepting the involvement of the UN, the allies and the 'international community" in how the United States treats Iraq - or it takes up a unilateralist policy and accepts international isolation.

Posing these alternatives is

interviewer that he would try to

allay students' fears and help

them find assistance if they ex-

as a tutor would be to help stu-

Iraqi leadership that this def-initely was Iraq's last chance to as the latter course of action may be. American leadership of a so-called new world order is a great deal more complicated than leading the Western

alliance in the Cold War. The implications of the new situation are resisted by many in Washington. This is clear not only in the UN case but in NATO expansion as well. The Senate now seems ready to approve NATO expansion but does not seem fully to understand what that means.

NATO rests on a commitment to go to war if any member is attacked. Expanding that commitment from 15 to 18 nations, with more to come, is a much more significant delegation of power over U.S. policies in the UN could ever be.

The Senate undoubtedly takes for granted that NATO will always remain a compliant instrument of American policy. It should remember that this is exactly what the American government thought when it launched the idea of a UN organization back in 1943.

Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

Rights of the Individual Get Lost in an Academic Scuffle

T OS ANGELES - Guate-Lamala's civil war was one

motivation to move. Another was the 1976 earthquake that killed 23,000 and would have killed Alvaro Cardona if his head had still been on the pillow where the large adobe brick fell. So when Alvaro was 9, his father brought the family north to Los Angeles.
Alvaro Cardona thrived. He

left high school, married and started a family at 16; became manager in a restaurant chain; passed the exam for a high school degree; enrolled at a community college, then at the University of California at Los Angeles, studying history. He is now so thoroughly Americanized he is suing someohe.

His UCLA financial aid him about his views on affirm-

While in community college he her be had mixed feelings. Last

By George F. Will

had totored students in English, and he sought employment tu-toring in UCLA's Academic Advancement Program, an affirmative action program. Students are automatically

eligible if they are from "historically underrepresented"
peoples, including those of African-American, Chicano/Latino, Filipino and Pacific Islander descent. White and Asian students are eligible only if they are low-income.

In November 1995, when Mr. Cardona was interviewed for a totorial position, he says the interviewer repeatedly spoke to him about UCLA's 'institution-alized racism' and interrogated package required that he work. ative action. Mr. Cardona told

year he told The Chronicle of Higher Education that he had said to the interviewer that many black and Latino students "seem to carry this complex around that higher education is a God-given right, not something you earn.'

During his interview for the tutoring position be says he was never asked about his qualifications or experience as a tutor. He says the interviewer worried that he would stress academics 'too much' because, she said, half of a tutor's joh is to ''validate" students' feelings about institutionalized racism and dis-

crimination. Indeed, a recruitment flier for tutors lists one hiring criterion as "sensitivity and commitment to underrepresented and low-income students and the

dents become coherent writers so they could express whatever they felt about anything. In December 1995, he says, he was told that he would not be hired as a totor because he did not understand discrimination and did not wholeheartedly support affirmative action - but that he should apply again after be had discovered what UCLA was "really like."

Only in America: Aided by libertarian litigators at Washington's Institute for Justice, Mr. Cardona is suing UCLA, charging that be was denied a joh for the reason that he did not think sufficiently poorly of UCLA. And apparently he was denied the job because he agreed with the University of California's Board of Regents, which in July 1995 voted to eliminate race and gender pref-

erences in university programs. His contention is that employment was unconstitutionally made conditional on his surrender of his First Amendment right to free speech. He is not challenging the legality of racial preferences, which Cali-

goals of affirmative action." formia voters in 1996 proscribed Mr. Cardona says he told the in government programs. in government programs.

He is asserting a right to speak freely about them in settings that do not involve stuperienced discrimination, but dents or interfere with studentthat he thought his primary job teacher relations.

The AAP argnes that deference should be shown to academic freedom, which involves making judgments about teaching methods, and that some-one unsympathetic to AAP's premises might not be an effective tutor. However, the Supreme Court has held that such speculative worries cannot justify the specific action of denv-

ing employment Institutional prerogatives in higher education should not be disdained. But neither should American premises, which seem to have been discarded in Mr. Cardona's case, by the fol-

lowing reasoning: The premise of racial preference programs is that rights inhere in groups rather than in individuals. Hence the importance of isolating those retrograde individuals who snbscribe to the traditional American premise about the primacy of individuals.

Hence the importance of enforcing political orthodoxy. Hence an easy conscience about sacrificing the rights of indi-viduals like Mr. Cardona Washington Post Writers Group.

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voting 'yes.' The explanation is simple:

Nordic Bloc Splits Over Europe

HELSINKI — The deepen-ing of European integration is usually hailed as a unifying force, but it also has divisive consequences, as can be seen in northern Europe. The Nordic bloc has been split three ways.

First, in 1994, the two former neutrals, Finland and Sweden, decided to join the European Union, while the Norwegians, safe inside NATO and flush with oil money, voted to stay out. (Iceland had decided earlier not to apply for membership.) Now Finland is on its way into monetary union, or EMU, while

chosen to stay on the sidelines. The rift on EMU does not reflect differences in economic performance: All three countries could qualify for the single currency. The rift is caused by a mixture of geopolitics, ideo-

logy and historical legacies. Each nation has its own view of what the European Union stands for. In the referendums in 1994, a majority of Norwegians voted "no" in order to in Parliament, are anti-integramaintain the independence of their country, while a majority of Finns believed they would

The Norwegians face the Atlantic, the Finns a 1,200-kilo- Sweden, except for brief intermeter (750-mile) border with

By Max Jakobson

alliance, membership will ensure that Finland is not again isolated in a European crisis.

For the Swedes, however, isolation is oot the problem but the solution. By keeping out of alliances, Sweden has had

peace for 183 years. So the Swedes are not looking to the EU for additional security. They are concerned, however, about the possible efsocial model — emphasizing environmental protection and Sweden and Denmark have- the rights of women - which they believe puts Sweden ahead

of the rest of Europe. The referendum in 1994 was decided by a very narrow majority, and opinion surveys show that Sweden today is by far the most "Euroskeptical"

member state. Sweden's ruling Social Democratic Party is divided, and the smaller parties, whose support the government needs tionist. A majority in favor of EMU could be created only by an alliance between the Social enhance their independence by Democrats and Carl Bildt's conservative opposition party, but this is anathema to the Social Democrats, who have ruled

vals, since 1932. Finland has a different polit-The Finnish view is that, al- ical tradition. The country is though the EU is not a military normally run hy coalitions. The

present government includes the Social Democrats and the conservatives, as well as three smaller parties, and has a comfortable majority in

Parliament.
In Finland, too, opinion polls indicate that a majority is against joining EMU, but the government is determined to go ahead, acting on the simple but compelling view that for a small tation like Finland, joining EMU carries fewer risks than however, about the possible ef-fects of membership on their unlike Sweden, has moved—to quote Tony Blair — "beyond right and left."

The new dividing line is not between federalists and nationalists - there are no federalists in Finland - but between different concepts of national independence. The traditional view is that a small nation must limit its international commitments in order to retain as wide a margin of freedom as possible.

Against this, it is argued that the true measure of national independence in our interdependent world is the degree of influence a country can gain on common European policies. To secure a seat at the table at

therefore be an essential goal. The writer, a former Finnish ambassador to the United Nations, contributed this comment to the International Herald

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Kaiser's Cards PARIS — The German Emper-

or possesses a singular and unique pack of playing cards. The court cards represent portraits of reigning sovereigns se-lected by His Majesty. The queen of hearts, it is flattering to record, is Queen Victoria. The Pope, oddly enough, is the king of spades and, with becoming modesty, the Emperor William himself is the king of hearts. The principal Premiers of Europe are the knaves, and in the center of each ace is the presentment of

1923: Literate Lament

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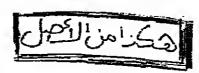
which decisions are made must PARIS - [The Herald says in an Editorial:] Professor G. L. Montomery, who teaches literature in the University of California, deplores his failure to interest seven-tenths of the pupils in Chancer and Shakespeare. The narrowness of Professor Mont-

gomery's view is patent. Does he think that literature is the sole eligible criterion on testing intellectual ability? Many superior minds can be thoroughly well entertained by literature while incurably averse from the serious study of it; and these same minds may have another predestined and more useful path of development before them.

1948: Russian Wives LAKE SUCCESS, New York

- The United States and Chile

are conferring on a project to invite other countries to join in a mass action in protest of the Soviet policy which forbids Russian wives of foreigners to leave Russia with their husbands. The American-Chilean talks are in early stages, but the idea would be to line ap every country whose nationals have Russian-wife troubles and take a collective case to the UN International Court of Justice.



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Playing in Washington: 'The Nutty Prosecutor'

By Frank Rich

NEW YORK — Kenneth sel — has anyone, the press included, noticed that the press wrong. He is not a partisan zealot acting under orders from the right-wing moneybags Richard Mellon Scaile. He is not an inquisitional bully who takes a sadistic, "Sophie's Choice" pleasure in pitting Lewinsky mother against child.

He is not the most fanatical foe of the First Amendment since Joseph McCarthy.

No, recent events give more credence to another possibility — that the guy is simply nuts. Only a madman would turn Sidney Blumenthal, the most re-viled former Washington Post journalist since Janet Cooke, into a free-speech martyr to rival John Peter Zenget.

Only a madman would try to win over a hostile public hy whining to TV cameras about how people are whispering such mean and rotten things about him and his friends behind their backs, (If there's anyone Americans despise as much as a snitch like Linda Tripp, it's a crybaby especially a millionaire crybahy on the federal payroll.)

And only a madman would once again divert attention from his prosecutorial prey, Ptesident Bill Clinton, just as Mr. Clinion was caught in a sleazy new escapade.

Thanks to the din of Mr. Starr's lunatic ravings, few now even remember the revelation last Tuesday; the private eye Terry Lenzner's admission that he was working for Mr. Clinion's lawyers in the Paula Jones case, despite previous White House denials, Nor - again thanks to the independent coun-

dent's alliance with Mr. Lenzner, of all private eyes, is an act of particularly rank hypocrisy. Mr. Lenzner was one of the

most ruthless mercenaries for the cigarette industry in the tohacco wars. As Marie Brenner reported in Vanity Fair in 1996, Mr. Lenzner's company was hired in 1995 by lawyers for Brown & Williamson, the tobacco giant, to investigate Jeffrey Wigand — the former B&W executive whose whistle-flowing to the CBS program '60 Minutes' and to the Justice Department) was threatening to expose Big Tobaccu's most criminal secrets.

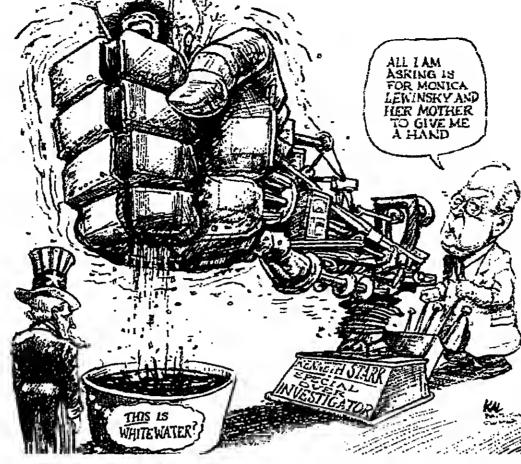
vestigation was a 500-page dossier of dirt on Mr. Wigand that B&W then leaked to the press with the hope of destroying him before he could testify

The result of the Lenzner in-

against tobacco executives.
Unfortunately for the public, The
Wall Street Journal ultimately defanged the dossier by exposing its faulty evidence and untrue charges. Mr. Wigand not only prevailed but also was invited to join Vice President Al Gore at the White House last July to be hailed as an "American hero,"

No wonder, Were it not for Mr. Wigand's courage under Mr. Lenzner's fire, neither the president nor the vice president could today be hogging credit for winning the war against tohacco. Now we learn that Mr. Clinton

is in bed with the creep who tried to hring down Mr. Wigand, the American hero — long in hed, according to an Associated Press report Friday clocking White struct justice, Mr. Starr may have which hum that even his conser-



in 1996. Clinton defenders who decry Mr. Starr's moral turpitude for working as a Brown & Willianson lawyer must now explain the president's tie to a B&W snoop whose tactics make Mr. Starr's money-grubbing for Big Tohacco look benign.

Chances are, though, that the irrepressible independent counsel will whip up a new grand jury circus to distract us. In his zeal to get to the bottom of that "avalanche of lies" he fears Mr. Blumenthal is spreading to ob-

House visits by Mr. Lenzuer to take on all the Mail Dradge wantabes who are publishing lifternet manenda about the prosecutor's Vietnum straft deter-

ment and private life, Last week, the National Enquiret got into the bet with a story illustrated with what it says is a photo of Mr. Starr costurned in drag for a school play Is this, too, a White Heuse con-spiracy? President Chatton's lawyer, David Kendall, also represents the Enquirer, Can a Start subpoena be far behind?

So nutty is the prosecutor's

vance affect are wishing aloud that the provident will ask Janet Reno to the from Keep decembig Mr. Clinton may be musty things. bet stupid isn't one of them.

Another Starr admirer, the journalist Staatt Taylor In., is calling for the counsel's resignation, but let us not forget that Mr. Start already did quit once, for a job at Pepperdine University in California, and then just as erratically reversed hunsed. It may take men in white suits to hauf him away to Mairbu now.

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JOHN GREGORY

Jouy-sur-Eure, France.

Though Racism Persists, Progress Is Undeniable

By William Raspberry

nothing vichanged."

This is an assessment I have capacity heard from scores of seriousmunded people — people who dealing with racial injustice, must know, at some level, that it And maybe that capacity will simply isn't true.

I am speaking, for example, of people who were involved in the strength to enfranchise blacks in the South, who won that struggle so overwhelmingly.

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that a state as segregated as Mississippi once was leads the nation in black elected officials, and who still will say with great earnesiness and sadness: Nothing's changed.

Press them, and they will acknowledge that blacks who once were denied the right to vote are now holding electoral office. But then they will point to the Supreme Court's congressional districting decision that makes it harder for blacks to elect members of Congress and tell you that, while it may have become more subtle in recent years, racism is racism and beneath the civil surface, nothing's changed.

This same dismal assessment applies to almost every aspect of American life. The increase in the number of blacks climbing the corporate laoder, the domination of the National Baskethali Association by black players, the fact that almost any black high school graduate worth his or her salt can get into a decent college - these things

prove nothing.

A surreptitiously laped conversation involving Texaco managers, the summary punishment of Latrell Spiewell and the dearth of black law students at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall prove with near-mathematical certainty that nothing's changed.

How to explain it? Glass-half-empty myopia? Political gamescollege and graduate school. manship? Whining as a substitute Meanwhile, they are able to exfor analysis?

My explanation goes back to the fumous 1992 essay by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 'Defining Deviancy Down.'
The burden of that piece, based on the turn-of-the-century work of Entile Durkheim, was that the amount of deviancy in a community is always roughly equal to that community's capacity for handling deviancy: for example, the number of police officers.

deviancy-handling the capacity is overtaxed, the response is to redefine some behavior as no longer deviant until the balance between deviancy and capacity is restored.

Or, as Mr. Moynihan put it. define deviancy down. The senator was explaining our growing tolerance for out-ofwedlock parenting, incivility and other formerly unacceptable behaviors. But, as he also argued, if the amount of actual deviant behavior decreases, we are likely to define deviancy up - that is, to use our existing capacity to punish behavior that used to

A permutation of that theory

WASHINGTON - When it may explain the nothing'scomes to race in America, changed phenomenon. Perhaps, thing's changed." changed phenomenon. Perhaps, that is to say, we have a finite institutional and political - for tend always to be fully engaged, no matter the actual amount of racial injustice.

Thus, the mechanisms that once were used to deal with the most blatant forms of discrimination are not retired when Jim Crow ends; we merely define racist behavior up and proceed as though nothing's changed.

Evidence that an apartment manager is turning away black applicants produces approximatethe same political and emotional response once produced by cross burnings.

The feeling that one's intellectual input is not taken at full value by a white corporate boss might trigger the same sort of rage that a whites-only sign might have triggered a generation ago.
I have a friend who nearly

lodged a formal protest against the hostess at the place where he regularly breakfasts. Why? She greeted white customers, hut

not him, with a cheery good morning smile.

His brain knew that her slight came nowhere close to the humiliating treatment he remembered from the days of unapologetic (and legally irremediable) racial exclusion, But his gut said: Nothing's changed.

I do not suggest that we Americans should acknowledge

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the existence of some progress on the racial front and, on that basis, cease our strivings for full justice.

I make a smaller point: that the victims of racial, gender or other injustices might find it useful to keep those injustices in perspective — to separate the mafrom the merely annoying - in order to put the most effort where it is likely to do the most good.

It is hard to get an intelligent sense of priorities about what to do next when you are convinced that the net effect of all you have done to date is that: Nothing's changed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Giving Japan Credit

Regarding "Who Runs Japan? Well. Certainly Not the Government" (Opinion, Feb. 12) by Karel van Wolferen, and "Criticism of Japan's Virtual Policy Grows Londer" (Feb. 23):

Conventional wisdom declares that Japan bears much of the reponsibility for the Asian financial erists. I would like to ask whether

Asian economies is simply that Japan's is the second-largest economy in the world. Where, then, is the No. 1 economy? Or Nos. 3 and 4? Or the combined European Union economies?

If, as is widely believed, the Asian economic crisis has global impact, why are these economic powers sitting on the sidelines and criticizing the only player willing to take the field? They describe Japan's measures as "too little, too late." Their own actions could

be called "nothing, never." : It is inconsestable that only the United States can afford to absorb the products that need to

be sold by Asia. Yet according to The New York Times, the U.S. commerce secretary, William Daley, said that Japan needed to understand the political reality for Washington in an election year. A larger trade deficit is not possible.

Why doesn't the newspaper mention the widely acknowledged political reality in Japan? It is also in an election year, which does not easily allow for further increases in the budget deficit.

this accusation is justified. ... While the U.S. president The basic rationale for urging received oo permission from Japan to take more vigorous Congress for his bailout of Mexmeasures to bail out the troubled ico, the Japanese prime minister needs permission, not only from his coalition government partners but also from the Diet, for each of

his policy initiatives. Do those who criticize the Japanese government really wish its prime minister to be authoritarian? Lack of a power center is the price to pay for a

functioning democracy. Japan decided to provide \$19 billion in aid to Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea, while the United States gave only \$8 billion and eight European countries gave \$6.2 billion altogether.

Unlike the case in the United States, in Japan there was little criticism of the International Monetary Fund's assistance to

the three countries in question. Responsibility for helping the troubled East Asian economies should be shouldered by the global community, especially the date more, they "were more likely Group of Seven nations. While to say they cleaned the house. Japan can claim credit for Asia's cared for a sibling, did yard work success story, it should not take the blame for its failure,
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The writer is director of the international press division at Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

U.S. Students Have a Life Regarding "U.S. Ponders Why Students Trail the World on Math

Tesis" (Feb. 20): Rather than react with shock and dismay to U.S. high school seniors' relatively low scores on math and science tests, I would suggest that my educator counterparts in the United States consider the following explanation for this performance: American high school students have a life.

According to a survey reported in the IHT in 1996 ("Universal Goals: Family Achievement and Dreams," July 2), "U.S. youths vary from their peers [in other

countries] most strikingly in how busy they are." American teenagers are three times more likely to have jobs while in school. They date more, they "were more likely and laundry than kids in most of the other countries. This combination of work,

dating, chores and outside activ-tics may help explein why U.S. teenagers "read less often than those in other countries, the article added. Let us compare this

with that in France, where adolescents scored in the top group in advanced math. French high school students can spend more time at school than their parents spend at work. I have seen the children of French friends spend hours night after night keeping up with brutally

heavy homework assignments. Let us then ask: Which country per capita - publishes the most articles in scientific journals, reg-isters the most high-technology patents, produces the most Nobel laureates, etc.? The answer is, of course, the United States.

Perhaps educators in the United States should study further to see if these achievements are due to students' catching up with - or even

Doing as the Romans

Regarding "The Decline of the New Rome Has Begun" (Opinion, Feb. 21) by William Pfaff: Mr. Pfaff notes that Rome de-

feated Carthage in the first cen-tury B.C. to achieve a Pax Romana comparable to a Pax Americana initiated with the Soviet Union's collapse.

In fact, the Roman general Scipio entered Curthage in the spring of 146 B.C., the second century B.C., to end the third Punic War. Rome's "defeat" of Carthage is a pretty mild term - Rome completely vanquished Carthago by destroying and plowing under with salt one of the most beautiful cities in ancient time.

More analogous is the U.S. dropping of two atomic bombs on Japan — which also initiated a hatef period of America's reign as the world's sole superpower. JOHN ZIMMERMAN

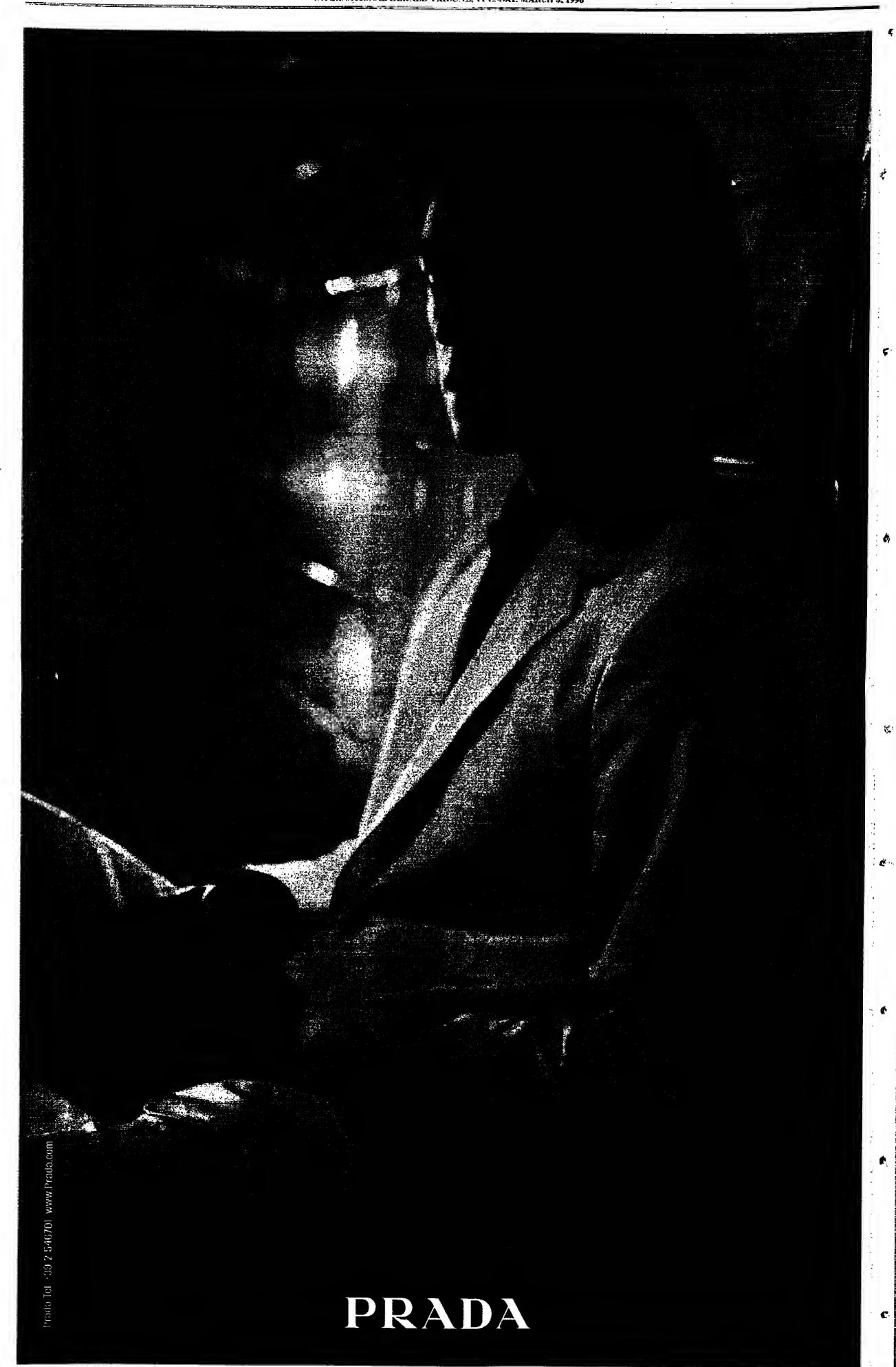
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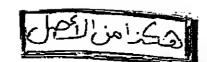
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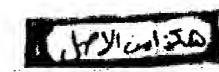
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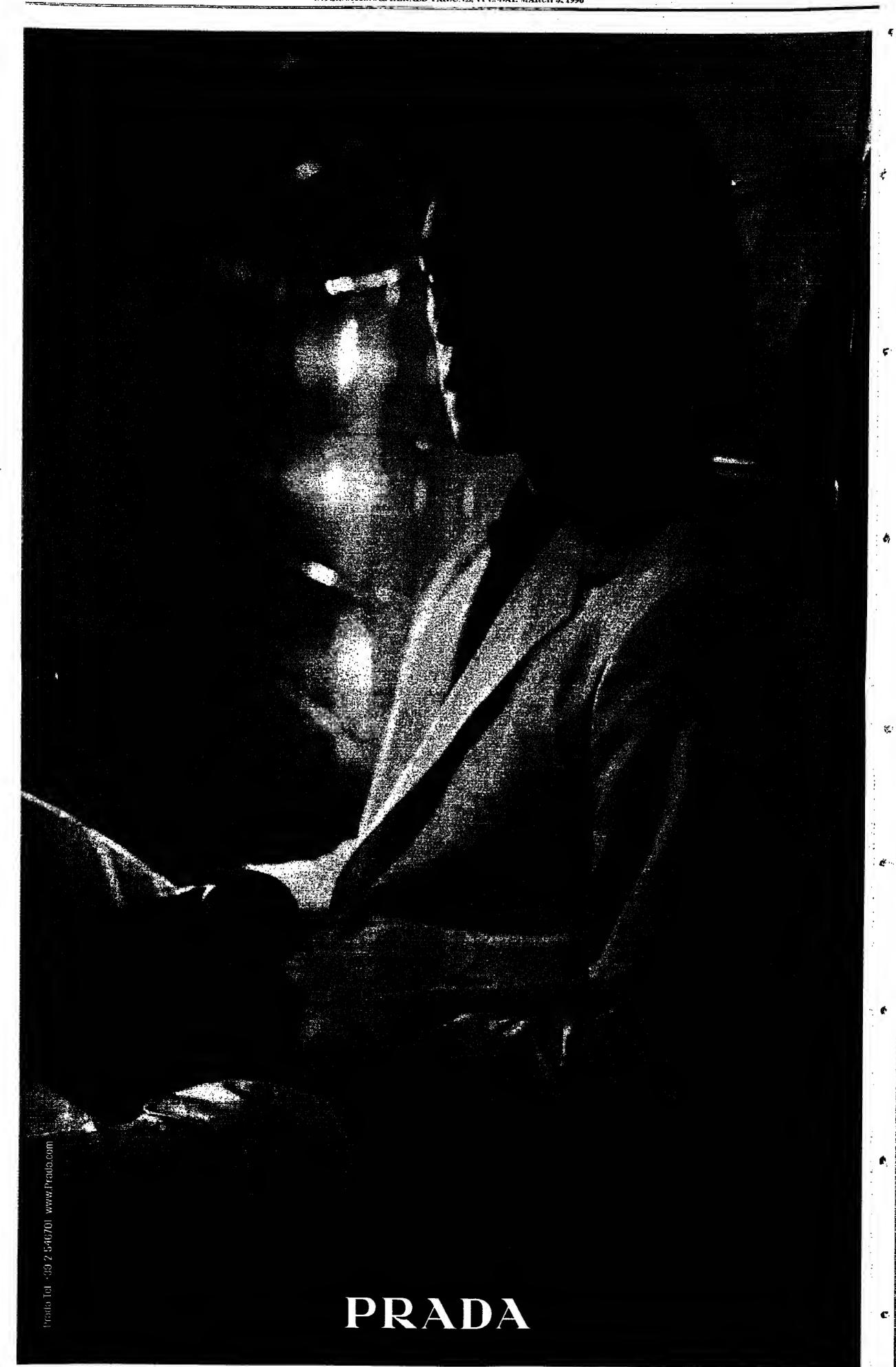
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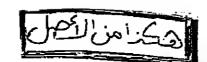
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Learning to Live With Microsoft: The Tale of Spyglass Inc.

By Steve Lohr New York Times Service

NAPERVILLE, Illinois - Few people are more familiar with the realworld nature of Microsoft Corp.'s mar-ket power than Douglas Colbeth, the

chief executive of Spyglass Inc.
His Internet software company has been a supplier to Microsoft, providing the software engine for its Internet Explorer browser. Spyglass has also been a Microsoft competitor, briefly, in the browser market.

Both roles proved to be sobering for Spyglass. So much so that the company's current strategy is mainly to stay out of Microsoft's path, finding specialized markets for Internet software and services that the software

Spyglass's course corrections offer a lesson in the complexities of software competition and software innovation. and what it means to compete with Microsoft, whose chairman, Bill Gares, was to testify at a U.S. Senate hearing Tuesday in the midst of a persistent industry debate on the company's prac-

Microsoft's supporters view it as a high-technology national treasure, whose success deserves unqualified praise. The company's critics assail it as a new-era monopolist, whose conmarket thwarts competition.

Mr. Gates, who will testify along with a couple of industry allies and a couple of rivals, comes to Capitol Hill as the Justice Department is pursuing an antitrust case against Microsoft.

The Senate bearing, said Orrin Hatch, Republican of Utah and chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is intended only as a forum to educate Congress and the public. "We want to hear firsthand industry testimony on the real-world nature of market power in the software business," he said,

These days Spyglass even chooses its customers with Microsoft in mind.

'Wheo we look at potential customers," Mr. Colbeth said, "we look for companies with defensible different businesses from Microsoft or companies that are in an entirely dif-



trol of the personal computer software Bill Gates, Microsoft's co-founder and chairman, speaking with reporters on Capitol Hill on Monday.

But while the Spyglass story to date

— a rise, fall and a recent effort to
reinvent itself — helps show why there are concerns about the extent of Microsoft's market power, it also indicates why government intervention would be so tricky, risking a remedy from Washington that might well be worse than any perceived flaw in the working of fast-moving high-technology markets.

Mr. Colbeth approaches Microsoft from the vantage of a pragmatist, not as a lawyer or economist. Microsoft, he says admiringly, is filled with brilliant, tireless workers.

"It's a great company," he said. "I have tremendous admiration for Bill Gates as a businessman." Microsoft shapes the environment,

Mr. Colbeth says; others must adapt.

"Does Microsoft squeeze suppliers? You bet it does," he said in his office in the Chicago suburb of Naperville. "But that is just the reality in any industry where one company has an 85 percent share, as Microsoft does in the operating-system market. That gives it enormous leverage in the market, and it

"And do you lose innovation in the software business because companies figure it's crazy to compete with Microsoft? Yes, I think you do," Mr. Colbeth said. "But I also think the effect is to drive innovation into other parts of the information technology business. You can't compete head on against Microsoft, so you are forced to innovate in other areas.

Spyglass is known, if at all, as the "other browser company," besides

Microsoft and Netscape Communications Corp. The software for browsing the Internet's World Wide Web traces its origins back to work done at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications as the University of

The key technical people at Spyglass were research students at the university, as was Marc Andreessen, Netscape's co-founder. In May 1994, Spyglass was chosen by the University of Illinois as the licensee to develop and market a commercial version of Mosaic, the original Web hrowser.

Mosaic was a second chance for Spyglass, which Mr. Colbeth joined as chief executive in 1991, a year after it was founded. The company's early years were spent marketing three-di-mensional software tools used by sci-

entists in medical, geological and met-corological research. It was pioneering software, by all accounts, but the company struggled in a fragmented niche market that was dependent on declin-ing government research funds.

Yet the Internet was on its way to becoming a household word, and all the major technology companies feared being left behind. As a com-pany, Microsoft was a hit late in noheing the rise of the Internet, but hy late summer 1994 it was negotiating with Spyglass to license Mosaic.

lts original offer in August 1994, Mr. Colbeth said, was \$100,000. That would have more than doubled the cash Spyglass had in the bank at the time, but the amount seemed extremely low for an important technology that Mi-crosoft would put into millions of PCs. "It was our experience and it is the accepted belief within the industry that the first offer from Microsoft on li-censing deals is always \$100,000," Mr. Colbeth said.

Microsoft's argument for why Spy-glass should accept the offer, Mr Col-beth said, was twofold. The endorsement value of having Microsoft license Spyglass technology would help it enormously in marketing; and it Spyglass refused to license its technology on Microsoft's terms, Microsoft would develop it in-house

But that would take six months or a year, and Netscape, backed by Microsoft rivals, was getting ready to begin selling its hrowser, Microsoft talked to Netscape about licensing its browser, then struck a deal with Spyglass in December 1994 for \$2 million. for use with its Windows 95 operating

Later licensing deals to use Spyglass technology on other operating systems, including Apple's Macintosh and Windows 3.1, and a final payment for all future use brought the total that Microsoft paid to Spyglass to \$13.1 md-

By the end of 1995, Spyglass had also licensed Mosaic to 82 other companies, including IBM and Digital Equipment, for use in their software products. The revenue stream from the

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No 'Deal' Set On Chief for Europe Bank

France and Germany Deny Resolution of Key Standoff

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT - France and Germany on Monday denied that they bad politically delicate allocation of top jobs

at the future European central bank. But several economists concurred that if they had agreed to the solution reported Monday by the German magazine Focus, it would represent the most pragmatic outcome to date to a prolonged Franco-German diplomatic dispute that Germans (ear will damage the legitimacy and political indepen-dence of the new institution. According to the report, Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Jacques Chirac quietly reached an agreement that Germany's tavored candidate for the top joh, Wim Duisenberg, the Duichman who heads the European Monetary Institute, should become the central bank's first president for a full eight-year term.

In return, France would get the vice presidency as well as right to name the bank's second president after Mr. Duisenberg leaves. The magazine cited un-

named Bonn sources.
"The report is wrong," said Mr.
Kohl's chief spokesman, Andreas
Fritzenkoener, The French and German finance ministries gave a similar denials. The board of the European Monetary Institute, forerunner to the central bank, meets Tuesday in Frankfurt, where the topic could come under debate, at least informally. No statements or press conferences are expected, however,

Under the treaty, the institute cannot appoint candidates for the central bank, which will be decided in May at the next summit niceting of EU leaders.

With time running out to resolve the issue. France and Germany remain locked in a standoff, with each backing rival candidates for the prestige position. France has insisted that Jean-Claude Trichet, head of the Banque de France, should become top guardian of the new European currency, the euro, and thus occupy one of the most powerful positions in international finance.

Most other European Union nations support Mr. Duisenberg, who was once called "a Dutch clone of a German interest rate hawk." In addition, Germans baiked at France's persistent de mands because they represent political interference in what Germany insists must be a fiercely nonpolitical institution. Bonn also would like a candidate from one of the smaller nations who can claim the ability to bettet serve the wider intérests of Europe rather than national political interests at boinc.

Appointing Mr. Duisenberg as president and Mr. Trichet as vice president appears to be the most likely outcome, said Alison Cottrell at PaineWebber Intemational in London. It would install two men of international stature and experience at the helm of an untested new institution, lending the bank credihility at a time when it very likely will need to take a series of unpopular steps to increase lending rates across

Diplomats in Bonn confirmed that another recent proposal - to split the first eight-year term between the two top candidates - was no longer up for

A Prayer for Stability From India Inc.

Executives Want a Government Strong Enough to Rise Above Politics

By Miriam Jordan

NEW DELHI - Adi Godrej, an industrialist, says he does not care who wins India's national election. For the sake of bis business and the economy, he prays only that the new government is strong enough to put the economy before political bickering and rule for a

full five-year term. What the Indian economy needs is political stability," said Mr. Godrej, managing director of the Godrej conglomerate, ooe of India's largest personal-products and consumer-goods makers. "Unfortunately, I don't think it's a very likely outcome."

Mr. Godrej is probably right. Results of the election, which ended Saturday, will not become clear until Tuesday. But early tallies indicate that neither the Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party nor its rival, the once-dominant Congress (I) Party, is likely to win a clear majority, forcing them to scramble to form a governing coalition. Two unwieldy coalition governments in India collapsed last year, prompting the early elections that India has just experi-

Industrialists, such as Mr. Godrej, do not consider the two main parties far apart on economic policy. But they dread another shaky ruling coalition, saying that would send the wrong signal to the economy at a time when decisive action is needed.

Waning consumer demand has hurt Godrej's two main subsidiaries, which make soaps and electrical appliances, for the first time since free-market reforms were initiated in 1991. Other Indian industries, from automobiles to hotels, also are reporting a drop in business. Corporate India is looking to the government to sour domestic demand through clear pro-growth policies.

Barely eight years into liberalization. the Indian economy is sputtering, and growth in industrial output and exports is slowing. The government now says that overall economic growth is likely to slide to about 5 percent for the year that ends March 31, after rising 7.5 percent in the previous year. Finance Minister Palaniappan Chidambaram has said India's economy needs to achieve annual growth of 8 percent to keep up with its swelling population, already 950 million.

Though no party is expected to reverse the path taken to open the once statecontrolled economy, the road ahead is likely to be bumpy. Any coalition government would have to build a consensus on unpopular policies, such as selling or closing inefficient state companies and lifting restrictive trade barriers. The financial crisis gripping much of Asia has already prompted some Indian politicians to question whether an even slower and more cautious approach to economic reform is in order

The Bharatiya Janata Party has signaled its desire to slow India's integration with global commerce, given "the experience of Asian nations." The party's manifesto warns that India "must move carefully and gradually towards integration with the global economy."

The party wants to keep new foreign investment out of what it calls lowpriority areas, such as consumer products. "Foreign capital will be only of little value to the national economy, though crucial to some sectors like in-frastructure," the manifesto says, re-ferring to power plants and highways.

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The party also deplores pressure from the World Trade Organization for India to reduce and sariffs and lift restrictions on certain imports, such as pharmaceuticals and many consumer goods.

But many business executives think that beyond the stated policy aims the Bharatiya Janata Party is pragmatic. Party leaders certainly have tried to project a more investor-friendly image. In a meeting with foreign journalists recently, the party's president, L.K. Advani, deemed "perverse" the sug-gestion that a government led by his party would undo the reforms, saying the party was committed to "more-rapid movement in the direction of lib

The Congress Party, which could end up in a ruling coalition with other parties opposed to the Bharatiya Janata Party. says its top priority is to revitalize the reform process. The Congress Party began unlinking the economy from so-cialism in 1991, but it failed to capitalize on India's economic gains in the previous election. "We have to make the reforms more transparent," Jairum Ramesh, one of the party's chief eco-

nomic strategists, said. In addition to curbing corruption which dogged the previous Congress government — this would mean making the reforms more visible to the public in the form of job creation. The Congress Party also wants to increase state spending on public works, such as roads and bridges, and bring private business practices to those sectors, roo.

In the short term, though, this could undermine efforts to contain the government deficit, which is being closely watched by international lenders and the

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Stockbrokers in Bombay, where shares rose Monday on election hopes.

Thinking Ahead /Commentary

Asia's Cheap Exports: Who Will Buy?

By Reginald Dale International Berald Tribune

ASHINGTON - "Market of last resort" is a new phrase entering America's economic vocabulary as the trade implications of the Asian financial crisis sink in. It means a place you can always count on to sell your exports when other outlets fail. And it is something that many Americans don't want their country to become.

There is growing resistance in Washington to the idea that the United States. as the world's largest and most open market, should have to absorb all the cut-price exports expected to flood out of East Asia following the huge currency devaluations of recent months.

Thanks to the Asian crisis, it is now widely forecast that the already swelling U.S. trade deficit will soon grow even bigger, perhaps rivaling the alarming levels of the mid-1980s. In some ways that might be a good

thing. It should help to keep America's thriving businesses on their toes, in ntuch the same way that the strong yen forced Japanese industry to keep growing more competitive in those far-off days when Japan was still booming. But the political consequences could

be severe in an election year, especially if the U.S. economy slows further and unemployment starts to rise. The real danger is a big new boost for the protectionist forces already threatening America's continued commitment to an open global economy.

These are the fears behind Washington's insistence that Japan must expand its economy to absorb part of the export surge, and, increasingly, that Europe inust too.

There is no immediate reason to pan-ic. Many of the worst-hit Asian countries are finding it hard to gear up their exports for lack of finance, and because imported raw materials, parts and capital equipment have suddenly become

prohibitively expensive.
As a result, Thailand is laying off workers in some export industries and South Korea's export capacity is shrink-



ing. It is unclear how far inflation will offset the competitive advantages gained by devaluation, or how far currencies will appreciate again as the crisis wanes.

But the fact remains that the stricken Asian countries will have to increase their exports to get out of trouble, and their own markets will not absorb many imports in return. That also worries Continental Europe, where the current recovery is also heavily dependent on exports, and

far beneath the surface.

There are ominous straws in the wind. Anti-dumping complaints, often a prelude to protectionist action, are already rising in Brussels. American semiconductor producers are warning that Washington, by supporting Asian bailouts, is unfairly helping their competitors to offload surplus production.

It would be disastrous if, having told the Asians they must export to recover, the industrial countries then prevented them doing so. That is wby the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development is urging its members, the advanced industrial nations, to pledge not to try to shift the burden of belping Asia from one to another.

Such a pledge would point in the right direction, but it would not go far enough. Governments would almost certainly not feel bound to abstain from imposing anti-dumping and countervailing duties, which are likely to be the weapon of choice against cheap im-

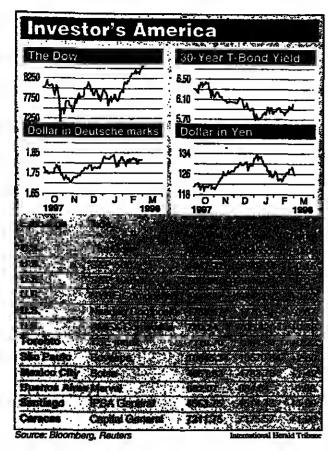
ports. Much more effective would be renewed negotiations to open world markets, always the best antidote to protectionism in the past. Ideally, the United States and Europe should commit then selves to a new round of multilateral trade negotiations - the socalled Millennium Round - preceded, perbaps, by fresh efforts to liberalize trans-Atlantic trade.

Americans, in other words, should start worrying less about protecting their own markets and more about opening other people's. Unfortunately, there is little sign of the leadership necessary to persuade them to do so.

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Very briefly:

 Del Webb Corp., a retirement community developer, said talks with an unidentified party interested in acquiring the company had ended without agreement. The Phoenix-based company said last week it was considering a takeover bid.

Brooke Group Ltd., owned by the financier Bennett Le-Bow, and New Valley Corp. said they had formed a venture with Apollo Real Estate Advisors to develop property in

• WHX Corp. agreed to buy Handy & Harman for \$645 million in cash and assumed debt, belping WHX cut its pension liability and making its steel business more attractive for a spin-off or sale.

 Corning Inc. agreed to sell most of its Corning cookware business to Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts & Co. for \$593 million after an agreement to sell it to AEA Investors Inc. for \$825 million fell through.

 Brazil's trade deficit narrowed 70 percent in February from January to \$214 million.

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - "Titanic" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$19.7 million.
Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on estimates

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2. The Wedding Singer	(New Line Cinema)	59,0 million
3. Good Will Hunting	(Miroman)	\$6.6 million
4. Dark City	(New Line Cinema)	\$5.5 million
5. As Good As II Gets	(Trister)	\$4.0 million
6. Sphere	(Worner Elms.)	\$3.8 million
7. Knopendorf's Tribe	(Touchstone Pictures)	\$3.2 million
E. The Borrowers	(Polygram)	\$2.8 million
9. Senseless	(Dimension Films)	\$2.5 million
12. Caught Up	(Live Entertainment)	\$2.4 million

AIG Matches Bid By a Rival for **American Bankers**

NEW YORK - American International Group Inc. on Monday matched a rival bid from Cendant Corp. for American Bankers Insurance Group Inc., raising its initial offer by 23 percent, to \$58 a share.

AIG's new offer values American Bankers at \$2.7 billion, equaling Cendant's offer. Before AIG raised its offer from \$2.2 billion, analysts said the insurer was unlikely to en-

gage in a bidding war.
In late trading Monday, American Bankers shares were up \$5.125 to \$61.375, a signal that investors expected Cendant to sweeten its offer. Cendant's president, Henry Silverman, said earlier that he welcomed an auction. A spokesman for the direct-marketing company, which franchises travel-related brands, including Avis and Howard

Johnson, declined to comment. Cendant began a \$58-a-share, cash tender offer for American Bankers on Jan. 28, more than a month after the Miami-based credit insurer agreed to be bought by AIG for \$47 a share. Last week, it extended the tender offer, through which it hopes to acquire 51 percent of American Bankers with cash, until March 6. Cendant plans to buy the rest of American Bankers with stock.

American Bankers said its board favored the agreement with AIG.

Sunbeam Blends in 3 Companies \$2.5 Billion Paid for Coleman, First Alert and Signature Brands

DELRAY BEACH, Florida -Sunbeam Corp. agreed Monday to buy Coleman Co., a maker of camping equipment, Signature Brands USA Inc., which makes Mr. Coffee machines, and First

Alert Inc., a producer of smoke alarms, for a total of \$2.5 billion in stock, cash and assumed debt. "We never do anything halfhearted," said Chairman Al Dun-lap, who is known for ruthless

downsizing and job cuts. "That is a powerful house of brands." The acquisitions are Sunbeam's first under Mr. Dunlap, who cut 6,000 jobs, closed more than three dozen plants and made Sunbeam consistently profitable since tak-

ing over in July 1996. Mr. Dunlap said in October that he wanted to acquire a poorly managed company with strong brands and restructure it or else sell Sun-

Acquisitions made more sense, analysts said, because Mr. Dunlap can use Sunbeam stock in part to finance expansion, while stocks of the acquired companies had fallen as the manufacturers struggled. Sunbeam's stock has soared since Mr. Dunlap took over. It closed Monday at \$45.8125, up

acquisitions to triple sales, proman, Powermate, Camping Gaz duce initial savings of about \$150 and Eastpak. Sunbeam makes increases in earnings per share in 1999. The company expects to capitalize on international take a one-time charge this year to strengths, Mr. Dunlap said: Coke-consolidate the deals. million and generate substantial

consolidate the deals. Mr. Dunlap did not immediately discuss changes for the acquired companies, but analysts said they

expected cutbacks.

'Mr. Dunlap has proven in the past he operates with a very sharp pencil,' said David Liebowitz of Burnham Securities.

Sunbeam is assuming about \$608 million in debt as part of its deals for the three companies.

The stocks of all three compa-

nies shot higher after the deals were announced. First Alert closed up \$2.03125 at \$5.15625, Signa-ture Brands ended \$2.78125 higher at \$8.03125 and Coleman finished \$10.0625 higher at \$30.9375.

Sunbeam's remaining product lines include Mixmaster, Oster and Sunbeam.

Sunbeam is paying about \$2 billion for Coleman, including \$800 million in stock, \$800 million in cash and \$400 million in assumed

Sunbeam said it expected the products with brands such as Cole Grillmaster outdoor products.

man in Europe and Asia and Sunbeam in Latin America.

Sunbeam is paying about \$250 million for Signature Brands -\$85 million in cash and \$165 in assumed debt.

Signature Brands had \$279 mil-lion in sales in 1997. Besides the Mr. Coffee line, it sells health products under the Health-o-meter brand. It has two factories and ap-

proximately 1,000 employees.

Sunbeam is paying \$176 million for First Alert, including \$133 million in cash and \$43 million in assumed debt.

The maker of a variety of residential safety equipment had \$187 million in sales last year, operates

two factories and employs approx-imately 2,100 people.

Mr. Dunlap, who met late last year with the head of Waste Management Inc., sought to end speculation that he would leave the appliance maker by signing a new three-year employment contract. Coleman is a global leader in Terms of the contract were not disoutdoor recreation and hardware closed. (Renters, Bloomberg, AP)

Yen Gains On New Plan For Tax Cuts

NEW YORK - The dollar fell against the yen Monday after Japanese officials proposed more tax cuts and spending to jump-start their economy and financial markets.

The dollar slipped against the Deutsche mark amid speculation that Gerhard Schroeder, the opposition candidate who will try to topple Chancellor Heimut Kohl in the September election, might pave the way for tax reform and other

measures to promote growth. Shizuka Kamei, an official of Japan's Liberal Democratic Party, urged the government Sunday to

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pump 10 trillion yen (\$78.65 billion) into the economy in tax relief and public-works spending, funded by bond sales.

"The yen is clearly benefiting from all this talk of fiscal mea-sures," said Rob Hayward, an eco-nomic adviser at Bank of America in London, who is advising clients to

sell dollars. The dollar fell to 125.530 yea in 4 P.M. trading from 126.08 year Friday. It slipped to 1.8143 Deutsche marks from 1.8164 DM and to 6.0837 French francs from 6.0905 francs. It rose to 1.4665 Swiss francs from 1.4655 francs. The pound climbed to \$1.6463 from \$1.6340.

The latest proposal by the Liberal Democrats follows one last week calling for 20 trillion yen in tax cuts and spending. That offer fueled optimism that the government would take the necessary steps to lift the economy from a seven-year slump.

Still, the yen's rise could be capped by doubts that these latest

proposals will become reality.

The U.S. currency fell against the mark after Germany's Social Democratic Party named Mr. Schroeder, the premier of Lower Saxony state, to be its candidate to challenge Mr. Kohl in September.

"The perception is that he's going to be a strong leader, able to get through economic policies that will be good for the German economy," said Ivar Bjornstad, treasurer in software used to automate sales and service departments. Siebel fell 61/2 norske Bank in New York. "That's good for the mark. We're bullish on the mark.

Other traders expect the dollar to gain, driven by U.S. economic strength and signs that the Bundesbank will not raise interest rates in

• Computer Sciences Corp. said Computer Associates International Inc.'s \$9.8 billion takeover bid is inadequate and urged shareholders to reject the \$108-a-share offer. Blue-Chips Shake Off Bond-Yield Blues

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NEW YORK — Blue-chip stocks dged up to a record Monday, but the broader market was held back by rising Treasury bond yields.

Some people may feel comfortable taking some of their money ont of stocks and putting it in bonds," to take advantage of climbing yields, said Steven Zenker, a money manager at McCabe Capital Managers. The Dow Jones industrial average

closed 4.73 points higher at a record 550.45, but the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed 1.62 points lower at 1,047.72. Advancing issues out-numbered declining ones by a 4-to-3 ratio on the New York Stock Ex-

Treasury bond prices fell, sending yields higher, after the National Association of Purchasing Management said its monthly index of business activity rose to 53.3 in February from 52.4 in January.

The increase reversed three straight months of declining growth and was a surprise to economists who had expected the figures to show that slowing demand in Asia

was dampening U.S. growth. 'People have overestimated the impact of the Asian slowdown on the U.S. economy," said Robert Auwaerter, a bond manager at Vanguard Group.

Fast economic growth could prompt the Federal Reserve Board to raise interest rates as a preemptive strike against inflation. But so far, the Fed has indicated that it has no in-

tention of altering monetary policy.

Nonetheless, the price of the benchmark 30-year bond closed down 1 10/32 point at 101 15/32, sending the yield up to 6.02 percent from 5 92 percent Friday. from 5.92 percent Friday.

That jump in bond yields weighed

earnings by making it more difficult to 83%. That belped pull the Nasdaq for companies to repay debts.

"The market has had a good run," said Jennifer Williams, a trader at First Albany Corp. "If any-body is looking to sell, it's because most people want to get out before a

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correction. Are we due a correction? Probably sometime soon.

Compaq Computer was the most actively traded issue, falling 1/2 to 31 3/16 after cutting prices on a line of notebook computers.

Dell Computer fell 31/2 to 136% after it said it planned to build a plant in Austin, Texas, to make workstations and servers to keep up with demand for the high-powered products.

Other technology issues also on stock prices because higher bor-rowing costs can burt corporate to 87 13/16 and Microsoft losing 11/4 lyst at BT Alex. Brown Inc.

composite index down 11.84 points to close at 1,758.67.

Callaway Golf fell 3½ to 28 13/16 after the golf-club maker said El Niño storms and currency turmoil in Asia could cause its earnings to fall well below analysts' expectations.

PameWebber Group fell 21/2 to 381/2 after the brokerage had no comment on speculation that it is a takeover target.

Scopus Technology rose 4½ to 18% after Siebel Systems said it would buy the company for \$460 million to expand its offering of

PetSmart rose 1 13/32 to 9 1/32 after the operator of pet-supply stores was raised to "strong buy from "market perform" by an ana-

(Bloomberg, AP)

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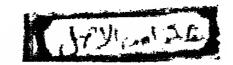
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U.S. Utilities Raise Bids for Energy Group

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for Energy Group PLC on Monday. but its rival, PacifiCorp, topped the offer, extending one of the most

tain's utility sector.
Texas Utilities offered 810 bid of 765 pence per share to 820 pence, valuing the company at price the bidders were willing to

LONDON — Texas Utilities the London Stock Exchange Campbell of Greig Middleton & \$2.3 billion. Co. bid £4.3 billion (\$7.08 billion) closed. Energy Group shares finished up 25 pence at 803. Another possible bidder, Nomu-

ra Securities Co., backed out last pear to have the same synergies as prolonged takeover battle in Bri- month without making a concrete PacifiCorp."

Ten other American companies pence for each share in Energy have bought a British utility since as a "premium company. Group, which is made up of East- 1995. They are attracted by the ern Electricity and Peabody Coal, prospect of higher returns in a less topping the second of two offers regulated market and the oppormade by PacifiCorp. But the other tunity to gain a foothold in Europe American company then raised its as it deregulates its power market. But analysts questioned the

pay for Energy Group.

Co., who said Texas Utilities had offered too much. "I don't know how they justify it. They don't ap-The chairman of Texas Utilities, Erle Nye, described Energy Group

Its bid is backed by Energy Group's board. Should it win out, Texas Utilities plans to sell Energy Group's Peabody Holding, the largest coal company in the United States, and Citizens Power, an en-

The sale would avoid Federal Trade Commission review on competition issues in the U.S. coal business. A commission review would have delayed the purchase for several months. Texas Utilities has said it does not expect regulatory problems from the British government.

Texas Utilities would retain Energy Group's British power generation plants, as well as its electricity supply and distribution businesses and its gas supply business, which serve about 3.1 million ergy trading business, to Lehman customers, mainly in eastern Eng-Merchant, the private equity arm of land. (Reusers, Bloomherg)

BTR to Sell Package Unit To U.S. Firm

LONDON - BTR PLC said Monday that it would sell its glassand plastic-packaging businesses to Owens-Illinois Inc. for £2.2 billion (\$3.62 billion) and that it would return £2 billion to shareholders.

The deal is another step in BTR's plan to trim its holdings and focus on engineering. BTR sold its polymer operations in November to a management team for £515 million.

BTR said in September that it planned to sell about a third of its businesses, including packaging and construction materials, in a bid to increase earnings. It said it would reinvest the proceeds in engineering businesses and return a "significant

portion to investors.

The company said Monday it was making progress in selling the remaining businesses and expected to complete the "vast majority" of the sales by the end of the year. It is also looking into the possibility of an initial public offering for its building-products unit.

The engineering division, BTR's largest, generated £4.9 billion in sales in 1996, 58 percent of its total

sales of £8.4 billion. BTR's shares rose 26.75 pence, or 16 percent, to close at 187 pence.

For Owens-Illinois, the deal marks its biggest acquisition and will expand its international sales to about half of its total. The company said the purchase of BTR Packaging would add to earnings in 1999.

The move adds BTR Packaging: 1997 sales of about \$1.5 billion to Owens' sales and gives the company a foothold in the Asia-Pacific market, the company said.

Owens-Illinois said the purchase would be financed initially by bank borrowings.

After the sale is completed, Owens plans to refinance part of the bank loans by issuing \$1 billion in equity and \$1.5 billion in senior

Regulatory issues may become a concern in Britain because Owens-Illinois and BTR both had strong posicions there, said Eric Bosshard. analyst at Midwest Research.

In December, BTR warned that earnings in the second half of 1997 and in 1998 would be hit by the strength of the pound and economic downturns in Asia and South Amer-(Bloomberg, Reuters)

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• Pakhoed, a Dutch shipping and storage company, is absorbing a nval, Van Ommeren NV, to form an oil distribution giant with almost one-third of the world's independent storage. The stock swap must be approved by the European Commission.

 DSM NV, a Dutch chemical maker that is buying the world's No. I antibiotics maker, Royal Gist-Brocades NV, said fourth-quarter profit rose 49 percent, to 192 million guilders (594.1 million), as prices rose amid strong global demand.

 Quick Restaurants SA posted a net loss of 287 million Belgian francs (\$7,7 million) for 1997, as it took a 475 millionfranc charge against streamlining operations and closing some of its fast-food outlets. In 1996, it carned 512 million francs. Allied-Domecq PLC effectively gave up on bidding for

Dewar's, the top Scotch whisky brand in the United States, saying the unit of Diageo PLC, the newly merged beverage operations of Grand Metropolitan PLC and Guinness PLC, was more valuable to Pernod-Ricard SA or Bacardi Corp. · Lince, a consortium led by France Telecom, was the sole bidder for Spain's third fixed-link telephone license, while Federa, a consortium made up of France Telecom, Deutsche Telekom AG, ABN-AMRO NV and Rabobank Group, was in merger or joint-acovides talks with Enertel, a fixed-tele-

phone partnership of Dutch energy and cable-TV companies. • Pearson PLC sold its specialist law and tax publications business to Thomson Corp. of Canada for £70 million (\$115.3 million) and is reorganizing its information division around The Financial Times daily business newspaper.

• Volvo AB plans to spend 10 billion Swedish kronor (\$1.25 billion) on acquisitions in the bus and construction industries, especially in Southeast Asia, in the next year.

· Prince Waleed ibn Talal has pulled out of a deal with the Lebanese real estate company Solidere to build a \$100 million Four Seasons hotel in Beirut. Reuters, Bloomberg, AFX, AFP

pump 10 prillion yen (578 file) into the economy in target public-works spending file. In Restructure, Olivetti bond sales. Forges Ties With Wang

MILAN - Olivetti \$pA sold its computer-services business to Wang Laboratories Inc. on Monday in a \$390 million deal that makes the Italian company's research and de-Italian high-tech group Wang's velopment unit. Olivetu debt will single largest shareholder with an fall by about 150 billion lire once the

18.6 percent stake. Wang's purchase of the unit, Wang's purchase of the unit, called Olsy, will almost triple nesmann AG, controls Omnitel Wang's annual sales to \$3.6 billion, Pronto Italia SpA, one of Italy's two

pany will be called Wang Global, As companies such as Compaq Computer Corp. rusb to build bigger service departments and take on In-ternational Business Machines

losses in the office equipment and computer technology businesses, developing its more lucrative telecommunications interests instead. The company has said that 1997 was the first year since 1990 in which it had not posted a loss.

'This is a decisive step forward in Olivetti's restructuring," said Paola Toschi, an analyst at Milla & Co. SIM. The sale will allow Olivetti ''to concentrate more and more on telecommunications, especially mobile telephony," she said,

Before the sale to Wang, Olsy accounted for nearly two-thirds of Olivetti's consolidated group sales

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Corp., Wang had to do the same if it sion to a group of investors. expected to thrive, lovestors said, Olivetti's chief executive, Olivetti is struggling to cut its Roberto Colaninno, said that the company would sooo reach an agreement about an international partner for its Lexikon office-products unit. He would not elaborate.

The deal, which took months to negotiate, puts more distance between Wang's past as a bankrupt computer manufacturer. The company rose to prominence in the 1970s and 1980s on the strength of its minicomputers and proprietary word processor, and faltered in the late 1980s as customers switched to networked PCs.

Olivetti shares closed Monday in Milan at 1,958 lire, up 193.

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Joseph Tucci, left, chairman of Wang, with Roberto Colaninno, Olivetti's chief executive, unnouncing the deal Monday in Milan.

Inchcape to Focus on Cars and the Middle East. The company's

LONDON — Incheage PLC said Monday that it planned to sell or spin off about 20 percent of its businesses, including marketing services and bottling operations, as part of a reorganization to focus on car distribution.

The world's biggest independent importer and distributor of motor vehicles, including Toyota, Mazda, Chrysler and Jaguar in 35 couotries, Incheape said it planned separate share listings for its bottling business in South America and its (Reuters, Bloomberg) products marketing business in Asia

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aimed at generating cash and raising its share price, which has fallen for six years. The process is scheduled for completion by mid-1999. The company also announced a

shares rose on the news, closing up

Inchcape said the moves were

23.5 pence at 212 (\$3.49).

percent rise in 1997 profit to £184.1 million, excluding charges, from £165.1 million in 1996. Restructuring charges reduced the pretax result to £89.6 million last year from £107 million in 1996. (Bloomberg, Reuters) ica.

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Debt-Rating Cuts Reflect Fears for Future

debt rating cut by Standard & Poor's ingly gloomy economic outlook.

Corp., while Nikko Securities Co.

The S&P action came just hours vestors Service Inc.

rating to BBB-plus from A-minus, one level above so-called speculative rating, better known as junk-

"The downgrade reflects Standard & Poor's concerns about Fuji's exposure to future deterioration in cies are concerned that foreign comasset quality resulting from a depressed domestic economy and the financial turmoil in Asian countries," it said. Moody's downgraded relaxed. its opinion of Fuji's debt last week.

Moody's cut the senior debt ratings for Nikko from A3 to Baal, also just above speculative grade and maintained its outlook at oegative. The move followed a similar downgrade last week by S&P.

Moody's said it considered "the impact of growing domestic and forconditions on Nikko's prospects for achieving profitability.

S&P and Moody's said they were concerned about Fuji Bank's decision last month to raise its stake in Yasuda Trust & Banking Co. Yasuda, struggling uoder massive nonperforming loans, said last mooth it would issue 100 billioo yeo (\$786.5 millioo) in new shares, with Fuji Bank taking half to become its top

Fuji has seen a drop in investor con-TOKYO — Two of Japan's fidence because of its large portfolio biggest finance companies were of problem loans, along with declindowngraded by U.S. credit-rating agencies Monday because of their exposure to increased competition and bad debt in light of the economic makes it more difficult for the crisis sweeping the region.

Foji Bank Ltd. saw its long-term now is coupled with Japan's increas-

was downgraded by Moody's In- after Foji said it would raise its capital cushion through the issuance S&P cut Fuji's long-term debt of dollar-based preferred securities through a U.S. subsidiary. A Fuji Bank executive said the target amount for the securities would be \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion and that ey would be issued in March.

For Nikko, the credit-rating agenpetition could eat into the brokerage's market share as rules governing the securities industry are

"Nikko has been relatively late in introducing new products, rationalizing its expense hase and im-plementing efficient management practices," Moody's said.

(Reuters, AFP)



Japan Speculator Gets 12 Years for Fraud

Nini Onoue, a former restaurant owner who borrowed trillions of yen in: the heyday of Japan's "bubble" economy, was sentenced Monday to 12 years in jail in the country's biggest loan fraud. She was found guilty of fraud and breach of trust charges involving 270 billion yen (\$2.1 billion).

eign competition, administrative sanctions and weak stock market conditions on Nikko's prospects for

BANGKOK — Thailand said Monday that it would offer exporters more credits to head off concerns that the country's severe cash crunch might stifle an export-led economic recovery.

Bangkok plans to increase export credits fourfold this year to offset past several months, he said. the sharp decline in domestic bank Like other major Japanese banks, loans for Thai exporters, a govern-

ment spokesman, Akapol Sor-ranged by the Asian Development asuchart, said after the weekly meet-Bank and \$300 million from the ing of economic ministers. Akapol said.

The government has earmarked 115.5 billion baht (\$2.7 billion) in is struggling through its worst crisis in decades. Most of its banks have fresh credits for the export sector for the rest of the year, he said. Exporters have received 26.6 billion baht in the The cew funding is to include a \$1 been wary of extending loans to mid-

billion foreign syndicated loan ar-

day that Thai banks and finance companies would raise at least 172 billion baht in new capital this year. Analysts said Thai banks' weak credit ratings had led foreign banks

Export-Import Bank of Japan, Mr.

had trouble raising capital as re-

size and small corporate borrowers. The governor of the central bank,

Chaiyawat Wibulswasdi, said Moo-

Thailand's fragile financial sector

to be wary of accepting their letters of credit for manufacturers importing foreign materials.

The International Monetary Fund, which has sponsored a \$17.2 billion

bailout package for the Thai ecooomy, has projected that exports will increase 6.2 percent this year, against a rise of 3.5 percent in 1997 and a decline of 1.3 percent in 1996.

WorldCom Leaps Barrier Into Japan

TOKYO -- WorldCom Inc. said Monday that Japan had approved its application to offer phone service in Japan, which will make it the first foreign carrier to do so.

WorldCom applied for the licens

Feb. 5, the same day a World Trade Organization accord opening global telecommunications markets took effect.

will enter by the end of the year into direct competition with Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., the

world's largest phone company.
"The whole Japanese market is changing," said Steve Liddell, president of WorldCom Asia Pacific

Initially, WorldCom plans to tar-get financial institutions in Tokyo with a fiber-optic telephone and data transmission service. It offers the same service in such cities as London and New York. It also plans to offer international services in Japan.

The company would not say how much of the domestic market it hoped to capture, but 20 percent of the international market, equal to its share in Britain, is a "good bench-mark," said Colin Williams, chairman and president of WorldCom International Inc.

The company puts the value of the Japanese telecommunications market at \$100 billion, of which 40 percent is business use. "Being cost-competitive is our driving force" and will change Japan's pri-cing structure, Mr. Williams said. He did not offer specifics.

WorldCorn plans to sell some services using NTT's network, which WorldCom will market under its own name. It has already started nego-tiations with NTT, Mr. Liddell said.

quired by the authorities and have Toshiaki Iba, an analyst at ING Baring Securines (Japan) Ltd., said it might be difficult for WorldCom to attract users from NTT. "NTT has a long relationship with Japanese businesses," Mr. Iba said.

British Telecommunications PLC may become another competitor in Japan's phone market. The company has said it would apply for a license to set up its own network in Japan, although on Monday a spokesman said BT had not decided whether it would use the facilities for international or domestic phone services.

WorldCom is expected to complete a \$41.8 billion acquisition of MCI Communications Corp. this



Very briefly:

- Japanese domestic car sales plunged 22.4 percent in Feb. ruary, compared with a year earlier, to 396,907 vehicles, the Japan Aotomobile Dealers Association said.
- The European Union urged Japan to open its markets and encourage domestic consumers to buy more imports from the country's battered Asian neighbors.
- A Tokyo court declared a fourth affiliate of the collapsed Yamaichi Securities Co. bankrupt. Yamaichi Finance Co. had debts of 171.26 billion yen (\$1.35 billion).
- Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd. cut its group pretax profit forecast for the financial year ending March 31 to 34 billion yen from a projection of 43 billion yen. The downgrade was attributed to lower profit from train-carriage sales in the
- Tomen Corp., a Japanese trading house, said it had jointly won a 3.8 billion yen order to build a 175,000-kilowatt hydropower plant in Vietnam with Fuji Electric Co. and Ansaldo Energia SpA of Italy.
- · Kentucky Fried Chicken Corp. said it planned to open a store in Hanoi by the end of the year, becoming the first international fast-food outlet in the communist capital.
- Shinawatra Computer & Communication PLC, a Thai telecommunications company, said it posted a net loss of \$134.3 million in 1997, hurt by the baht's decline in value.
- Three Malaysian developers and a Hollywood studio signed up for a share in Australia's biggest waterfront development. The Malaysian groups, which include YarraCity Ltd., which is partly owned by Land & General Blid., UM Corp. and Austral Amalgamated Bhd., of Malaysia, and Paramount Studios were among two coosortia signing contracts worth 950 million Australian dollars (\$643 million) to develop part of Melbourne's derelict docks.
- · Loodon International Group PLC, makers of a leading condom brand, Durex, announced a \$7 million joint venture with Qingdao Latex Co. of China, which makes the Double Butterfly brand.

 Reuters. AFP. Bloombero

Beijing to Peg 1998 Growth Target at 8%

BEUING — China's departing below 3 percent. prime minister, Li Peng, will set the economic growth target for this year Rongji, who will succeed Mr. Li, at 8 percent when he presents his will usher in new economic policies annual report to Parliament on Thurs- to accelerate growth. China's econday, according to copies of the report omy grew 8.8 percent in 1997, down circulating Monday in Beijing.

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SHAKEOUT: Firms Thrive in New Asian Economic Landscape

Continued from Page 1 ventures and Taiwan-based

companies, which for the most part still have plenty of cash to boy raw materials or even increase investments. One winner is Goldman Sachs & Co., which bought 30 per-cent of a Thai hotel chain that has been packed with bargainseeking tourists.

The stakes of the shakeout are high: the survival of thousands of companies, the jobs are struggling to find a soluof millions of workers, and the political and economic prospects of oations.

of a single company have sified scramble for oew ex-been pitched into a head-to-head conflict with a sign of the new aspect of the new a survival at stake. A plant in and Asian export markets. Tianjin owned by South Korea's Samsung Group recently refused to supply any more parts to another Samup some cash.

Over the past month, the and VCRs are less expensive Indonesian Samsung operatioo has given the Tianjin Mr. Lee hopes that increased

plant letters of credit to cover \$3 million in component purchases. Those letters of credit - issued by ailing Indonefor markets, cities and counsian banks - are virtually worthless.

"They are just pieces of paper," said Lee Bak June, managing director of the Tianjin plant. 'No one accepts them. Now we want cash on delivery." Executives at Samsung

headquarters in South Korea nion, but the parent company is also short of cash. One aspect of the new

The Samsung plant in Tianjin, for example, had planned to ship 15 percent of its videocassette recorders to

Asian customers are broke,

sales to Pakistan, the Middle East, Germany and Russia will compensate. While companies scramble

tries are competing for invest-ment dollars. The Tianjin southeast of Beijing is one of crisis has hammered many of the South Korean, Japanese and Southeast Asian companies that have been among the area's biggest investors since China opened its doors to the

outside world in the early for 7.3 percent and 5.2 percent, respectively, of the \$9.5 billioo in foreign investment in this showcase enclave. To ease the pain for investors, the authorities here are

offering to relax requirements sung factory in Indonesia un-less that unit began coughing Southeast Asia. But Southeast port requirements, postpone rents, lobby local banks to extend loans, help deal with labor care of their core businesses, problems and promote said Chong Hongchia, a products for the local market. Taipei business executive. to make in South Korea. Now problems and

One recipient of Tianjin's aid has been the South Korean giant Hyundai Electronics In-

dustries Co., which this year plans to import equipment to its plant here that eventually ment dollars. The Tianjin will supply parts to Motorola Economic Development Area Inc. To ease Hyundai's cash crunch, the Tianjin Economic the places striving to be a win-ner, even though the Asian postpone rent payments on the factory for two years. While South Korean

companies are contracting, other companies are expanding. A Taiwan-based food company, Imei, which owns one of the two surviving Thai 1980s. South Korean and Japanese firms have accounted spend \$3 million to set up a cookie factory in the Philippines. Imei can do that because it has been cautious about borrowing mooey, unlike the over-indebted coo-. glomerates of South Korea, which invested broadly outside their core industries.

"Taiwan companies invest in other areas, but they take

INDONESIA: New Wave of Turmoil Seen as Inflation Rates Soar

rises, analysts said.

According to the official figures, food prices rose a month-on-month 16.07 percent in February; bousing, 10.03 percent; textiles, 15.62 percent, and services, 9.31

Anecdotal evidence suggests that in recent weeks, on month-on-month basis, cooking oil has risen in price by around 130 percent; rice around 34 percent; flour, 33 percent; eggs, 88 percent, and chicken, 34 percent. "This February figure is no surprise, everything is

pointing to inflation spiralregional economic research at Socgen-Crosby in Singa-Analysts said a look at the

base money figures showed that the central bank was printing a lot of money and at the same time in the real economy there were shortages of food and other essential

The classic definition of hyperinflatioo is too moch money chasing too few goods and that appears to be the situation now," Mr. Saker ad-

Mr. Suharto, who said oo overhauled its strategy. No Gates

Continued from Page 1 Sunday the current crisis had ted the 76-year-old former mounting international conbegun to compromise the army general should step ures tend to understate price economic lifeline of the down if the crisis is not world's fourth most populous speedily resolved. Other legcountry, also faced other problems from an unexpected islators spoke of a deadline to sort out the mess. The assembly is expected quarter on Monday.

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level visitors has descended on Jakarta in recent weeks to cajole, advise or warn Mr.

Mr. Mondale will meet Mr. Suharto oo Tuesday, U.S. Embassy officials said. They gave no other details. (Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP)

MICROSOFT: Learning to Live With a Giant

licensing deals was around \$20 million a year.

But a month earlier, in devices to tap into the Inter-December 1995, when Mr. net. This market, just begining," said Neil Saker, head of Gates announced that Mining to emerge, is expected to crosoft was shifting its range from cellular phones product development to emand television set-top boxes brace and extend" the Internet, he also said Microsoft would be giving its browser away. A byproduct was that the Spyglass browser licens-ing revenue quickly disappeared, as smaller Internet software companies went out of business and many big customers shifted to Microsoft's

free browser. "Twenty million in revenues went away - poof - in a year," Mr. Colbeth said. So. once again, Spyglass

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That product is on track ware that enables non-PC to be shipped around the a middle of the year." Mr. Gates said. "We're on track to release Windows 98 and we're full speed ahead." Separately, Microsoft said-it had changed its contracts to fax machines and even to gasoline pumps (screen-equipped for downloading lo-

with 30 Internet providers in Europe and 12 in the United States to allow them to promote rival Internet browsing million con-PC devices software, Reuters reported

A company spokesman said the decision followed a review of contracts with In-Microsoft's Windows 98 ternet providers initiated by the company's European leased by midyear - oo units last fall after reports that schedule - without delay by the European Commission the Justice Department's an-tirrust investigation, Mr. the company's cross-promo-Monday, tional deals with providers.

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South Africa Loses

CRICKET Waqar Younis seized South Africa's last two wickets Monday morning to give Pakistan a

victory by 29 runs in Durban in the

South Africa resumed on 186

runs for eight wickets on its second

innings, pursuing 255 for victory.

Mark Boucher and Fanie de Villiers

raised hopes of a win by extending

their ninth wicket partnership from

53 overnight to 86 before Waqar

bowled Boucher and then dis-missed Allan Donald for naught.

 In Georgetown, Guyana, Ian Bishop and Dinananth Ramnarine, two West Indian bowlers, shared a record 70-run partnership for the

last wicket Monday on the fourth day of the fourth test against Eng-

land. The home team was all ont for 197 in its second innings, leaving

England to make 380 to win. Eng-

land started badly and lost four wickets for 58 by tea. (Reuters)

Williams Wins First Title

TENNIS Venus Williams, the los-

ing finalist in the U.S. Open, won

her first WTA event Sunday when she beat Joanette Kruger, 6-3, 6-2,

in the final of the IGA Classic in

"I was more ready for the situ-

Following a 30-minute break,

ation of being in the finals this time," said Williams, 17.

she joined her sister Serena as they

captured their first doubles crown

by beating Catalina Cristea of Ro-mania and Kristine Kunce of Aus-

FOOTBALL Lamar Smith, in jail

because of a car accident that in-

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The running back was the driver

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in n one-car accident Dec. 1, 1994,

in which Mike Frier was left para-

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jured. Smith is serving a four-

month sentence for vehicular as-

Quarterback Ty Detmer, a

sometime starter in two seasons

with the Philadelphia Eagles,

agreed to a contract Sunday with

the San Francisco 49ers. Terms of

the deal were not disclosed. (AP)

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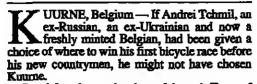
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WORLD ROUNDUP Belgium's New Local Boy Wins a Tune-Up Bike Race at Home

By Samuel Abt onal Herald Tribune



Certainly victory in the celebrated Tour of Flanders or Liege-Bastogne-Liege races next month would have been far more prestigious than victory in Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne. The first two are World Cup one-day classics while Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne is just a tune-up race, a chance to put some kilometers in the riders' legs for the season — and the major races — ahead. The competition is minor, mainly second-division Belgian teams, the weather almost always dreadful and the race itself not overly demanding.

But Kuurne, a village in Flanders, is a bicycle-mad not spot in a bicycle-mad country. They know how to put on n race here: the thousands who show np early at the staging area outside the hippodrome to look the riders over and offer a word of advice,

the thousands who pack the main streets and stand, as they probably have stood for all 51 runnings of the race, in the inevitable cold, hard rain (who can forget the battering sleet of 1995?) to cheer at the

On Sunday, they had a chance to cheer Tchmil, ranked sixth in the world and now one of their own. Since 1994 the leader of the Lotto team based in Belgium, he has ridden Kuurne-Brussels-Kuurne before, of course, and usually finished in the top 10 over its 200 kilometers (124 miles). But then he was licensed in Ukraine, where he was born in 1963 to Russian parents.

For the last few months, he has been a Belgian. The reason, he explained after his victory last autumn in the Paris-Tours classic, was security for himself and his family. As one of the first East European riders to come West a decade ago, he settled in Italy and was given a visa that will be withdrawn once he store more New 25 he ago. withdrawn once he stops racing. Now 35, he expects the finish to come in 2000.

The decision to apply for Belgian citizenship was not easy, he said, especially for somebody who speaks several languages but finds Flemish, in his own word, incomprehensible. As an example, his name is sometimes being written this season as Tsimil, probably no problem for somebody who started life in Cyrillic.

So there was Tchmil on Sunday, one Belgian among many. Older fans rode clunker bicycles and wore the jerseys of nearly forgotten Belgian teams: Isoglas, Hitachi, Histor Sygma, Tonton Tapis.

Boys showed up in the jerseys of their local sponsors: Garage Johan, Atlas, Sani Perfect.

The bar in the grandstand of the hippodrome, where the riders signed in, began to attract beer drinkers about 10:30 A.M., more than an hour and a half before the race's start. The Tierce café just

a half before the race's start. The Herce care just outside was packed, as was the Paddock café down the street. After all, it's Belgium.

It was cold but, in the quickly changeable Belgian weather, sunny all morning. People circulated. Two pretty girls passed out posters of the Spar team. The organizers of the Cholet-Pays de Loire race this month in France wooed team officials to comment these. Small hour distributed. ficials to compete there. Small boys distributed start lists of the names and numbers of the 17 riders for 25 teams. The sun cheered everybou

up.

The rain began a few hours later, when the pack

was moving at high speed past fields speckled with crows eating freshly sown seeds. On and off, it rained most of the afternoon, and the wind and cold increased. By the time the muddy riders came down the Kluisberg, a hill 70 kilometers from the finish, the pack was down to about 60 riders.

On the descent, three riders attacked. They were Franck Vandenbroucke, a Belgian with the Mapel team, Emmanuel Magnien, a Frenchman with La Francaise des Jeux, and Tchmil. From 10 seconds on the Kluisberg, their lead rose to a minute and a half when they reached Knume and began the first of three long laps around the village. The rain was

Vandenbroncke tried to escape on the final lap, but Tchmil caught him and then attacked. Magnien was unable to hold the pace, and Tchmil had no real difficulty in pulling alone nway to win by five

Jammed behind the barriers along the narrow mai 1 street, the people of Kuurne applauded the on .-two finish by local boys. Vandenbroucke hails from Mouscron, just down the road, near the border with France, and Tehmil — he now comes from Belgium itself, doesn't he?

A Magician in the Net Conquers With 'Style'

Hasek's Is a Product of a Fertile Imagination

By Ed Willes
New York Times Service

NEW YORK - The question, it seems, is interesting to everyone but Dominik Hasek.

"I think he's the best," Pat LaFontaine of the New York Rangers said when asked if Hasek was the premier goalie in the world, "I've seen him do things that make me shake my head. And I can't say that about a lot of players."

"He's the best," said Jaromir Jagr of the Pittsburgh Penguins, Hasek's team-mate on the Czech Republic's gold-medal-winning team at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. "I said before the Olympics: We've got the best goalie in the world. We have to take advantage of that."

And what does Hasek say about it?
"I hate these questions," said the goalie for the Buffalo Sabres. "Who is better? Patrick Roy. Hasek. Martin' Brodeur. That is your choice. I just love to play hockey. I just like to win, and

that is why I play hockey." Hasek has a trait shared by most legendary athletes: Style. True, it might not be style in the classic definition, but

it is his own. His success is derived from two main attributes: his monomaniacal work ethic and his athleticism. He was not fettered by a goaltending coach in his youth, so he was able to develop his own style. It

is a product of his fertile imagination. He works like a longshoreman. He could probably bend spoons with his powers of concentration. At 33, he has

lost none of his passion for the game. "He hates to get beat in practice," said Petr Svoboda of the Philadelphia Flyers, who played junior hockey with Hasek and also shared Olympic gold in Nagano. "He works an extra 40 minutes after the game. He never stops working, and he enjoys the game so much. He's

33 years old, but he enjoys the game as much as a 16-year-old." John Davidson, a broadcaster and former goalie, tells of watching Hasek take a full workout with the Czech team in Japan the day after his 38-save per-formance against the United States. Hasek stayed after practice and faced shooters in a penalty-shot drill. The next day he stopped all five Canadian attempts in a shoot-out to lift the Czechs

into the gold medal game. Hasek was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks in 1983, but he turned down the initial contract because he was enjoying playing in the then Czechoslovakia. He entered the NHL in 1990, when he was 25, and played backup for two years in Chicago. He was traded to

Buffalo in 1992. Hasek has always brought a certain artistic temperament to his position. Early in his career, his army-sponsored club team was facing Parduhice, his old hometown cluh team. Pardubice was in last place and in danger of falling out of the first division, and Hasek did not want to be a part of that. He was ordered to take the net against his former clnh, and he did, for 20 seconds, before he skated off the ice. He was suspended for six games and was assigned two weeks

in the regular army for that offense.

The incident served as a portent for Hasek's falling out with Ted Nolan, the Buffalo coach last season. Hasek got into a fight with Jim Kelley, a Buffalo journalist who had criticized him. Hasek did not feel that Nolan gave him enough support afterward. Hasek also did not like the way the coach treated his European teammates.

Hasek said it would be better for him if Nolan were gone, Nolan was fired and Hasek was booed unmercifully by Buf-

falo fans at the start of this season. He struggled, but started to improve in November. In December he recorded his seventh shutout of the season. They

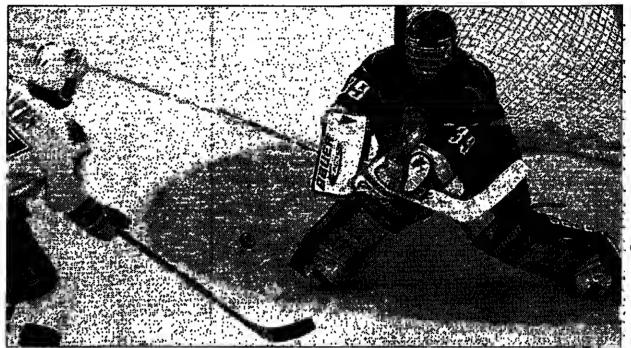
are not booing in Buffalo anymore. 'He's creative, be anticipates and he knows exactly what's going on," said John Mnckler, fired as Buffalo's general manager after last season and now the coach of the New York Rangers. "I bet he doesn't hear a sound when he's play-ing. That's how hard he concentrates."

But the concentration wouldn't mean a thing if Hasek didn't have talent. And Hasek has come up with a style that confounds shooters. It starts with his flexibility. Before a

practice or a game, Hasek will walk into the locker room, sit with his legs spread wide in a V-shape in front of him and touch his stomach to the floor.

Hockey people also talk about a oalie having loose knees: the ability to fire into a butterfly position and cover the lower part of the net. There's a story that Hasek's parents had a doctor examine his knees when he was a child. They were concerned there was something wrong because of their son's preternatural flexibility.

Hasek has taken that ability to contort himself and created the game's most unorthodox, most effective style. His signature moves include the rolling back flop - which he demonstrated with his save against Eric Lindros in the Canada shoot-out - and a splayed-leg maneuver at the goal line in which he spreads his legs the width of the net.



Dominik Hasek, Buffalo's Czech goaltender, saving a shot from Adam Oates of the Washington Capitals

Sabres' Czech Goalie Blanks Capitals

Dominik Hasek, the Buffalo goaltender, turned in his second strong performance since coming back from the Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan, as the Sabres won in Washington,

3-0.
"We're playing much, much better hockey now," said Miroslav Satan, who scored all three goals Sunday as the Sabres extended their unbeaten streak to 12. "The main reason is because of Dominik, and because of the way he's playing, our whole de-fense and offense is playing much

Hasek made 36 saves Sunday for his career-high eighth shutout of the season and 28th of his career.

Satan was the entire offense for the Sabres, who have not lost since a 3-0 defeat in Philadelphia on Jan. 20.

The Capitals are without a victory in their last six games and have dropped four consecutive games at MCI Center in Washington.

But Hasek's tricks also mask a sound.

fundamental style. Like a great jazz

musician, the goalie has mastered the

basics of his trade — positioning, anticipation. But it is what he does in his

moments of improvisation that set him

style," said Mike Richter, the Rangers' goalie. "But there are a couple things

you have to do to stop the puck. You have to center on the puck. You have to

'Goalies always have their own

Dallas raised its NHL-leading poin total to 85 with a tie against the Black-

Eric Daze and Greg Johnson scored on 5-on-3 power plays for Chicago.

NHL ROUNDUP

Pat Verbeek and Benoit Hogue scored for Dallas, which had a five-game winning streak stopped.

Blues 6, Mighty Ducks 2 Brett Hull. facing Anaheim for the first time since Tomas Sandstrom broke Hull's left hand in a slashing incident, had two goals and two assists to lead the vis-

iting Blues over the Mighty Ducks. Pierre Turgeon also had two goals and two assists on route to the Blues' sixth victory in eight games and first in their last five meetings with the

Sandstrom's slash of Hull's hand cost him 13 games - in addition to the All-Star Game.

have great concentration. He does the

fundamentals of goaltending, even though it looks n little different."

read, said the Rangers' Wayne Gretzky.

you don't know what he's going to do," Gretzky said. "That adds to it. There's

no book on him. You can usually look at

a goalie and say you can go here or there.

In the Olympics, Hasek allowed six

You can't say that with Dominik."

As a result, he is almost impossible to

"He doesn't have a weakness and

Dwayne Roloson made a career-high 46 saves as the Flames beat Ottawa. Roloson was sharp from the game's first minute when he made two great

saves during a two-man advantage that lasted nearly two minutes. The 47 shots were a franchise high for the Senators, who were shut out on

10 power-play chances. Trailing, 1-0, after one period, Calgary tied the game at 2:44 on a powerplay goal by Marty McInnis, then took the lead for good 10 minutes later on a goal by Jamie Allison.

Sergei Zholtok scored for the Senators, who lost all three games on their Western road trip.

Bruins 5, Islanders 4 On Long Island, Steve Heinze and Tim Taylor scored goals 38 seconds apart early in the third period to snap a tie and give

Boston the victory.

Taylor scored twice for Boston, which stretched its unbeaten streak to three games.

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goals in six games. In the gold medal game, he blanked Russia, 1-0, then flew

home to Prague where the team was

feted by some 140,000 Czechs, among them President Vaclav Havel.

Town Square in Prague in 1989 when

Czechoslovakia threw off the voke of

Soviet domination. He was asked to

compare that moment to the party for

the Olympic team. "This time I had

more Champagne," he said.

Hasek had last celebrated in Old

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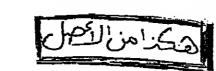
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gone ahead.

Mayfair, who had not bird-ied No. 18 the first three rounds, did it when it mattered. He hit his second shot into the front bunker, years, it also pumped to catch Woods. "I knew he samily eoffers. then came out to within four was going to be playing well," he said. "I knew Tiger would be there at the end of "I guess the hig thing is I the day. I was just hoping that know I can win again," he I would be there, too."

Having made certain, Maywithout winning and you start fair hopped into the front seat thinking, 'Can I ever win of a golf eart and rode out to again?' And then to beat Ti-the 18th tee again to begin the playoff. Woods, who was in Stephen Ames, the Trinidthe eart ahead of Mayfair, ad-born Canadian who had nirned back to look. It was the last time Mayfair would be hyena," may have problems with the behind.

Woods said he had trouble with his tee shots Sunday. It happened both times he played Ames closed with a 68 and the 18th, with the same result: wound up three shots out of a a drive over the cart path into

playoff. John Daly, who had a the right rough.
66, ried for fourth place with He got away He got away with it the first was Daly's best finish since he green to the right in the playoff. He chipped to 15 feet above the hole, but his hirdie putt slid past to the left.

"I hit it right where I wanted to," Woods said, "I just didn't think it would flatten out like it did. It went dead straight. Hard to believe.' All that was left was for

Mayfair to knock in a 5-footer that way, that 's good for me," straight uphill, which was he said. "I can't do it every time, though. Unfortunately, I ing up to 85 yards on his wish I could, but it just doesn't always work out." Woods birdied three of the second shot. He reacted predictably once the ball stopped rattling around in the hole. "Awesome," he said.

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"If the guys are thinking that way, that's good for me," he said. "I can't do it every

Bruins 5, Islandors and In 19th | Billy Mayfair enjoying a moment of glory as be birdied the 18th to force a playoff against Tiger Woods. players."

DENNIS THE MENACE



The Blazers' Vincent Askew, keeping the ball away from Bruce Bowen of the Celtics. Boston won, 102-101.

Pacers Are Turning Heads With Defense

The Indiana Pacers gave up t22 points. That's a lot in the low-scoring ninth victory in 10 games. NBA these days --- hut only if it happens in a single night. In Indiana's case, it happened over two games.

'They were just waiting for us, like a Danny Forson of Denver said after the Pacers defeated his Nuggets, 90-63, on Sunday.

The Pacers were eoming off a 124-59 victory on Friday in which they became the first NBA team ever to double the output of its opponent.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau. the Pacers set a post-shot elock record Payne Stewart, who shot 70. It time, but Woods missed the for fewest points allowed in consecutive games. They also huried the old record of 130 points set by the Miami Heat in February 1996.

Rik Smits seored 23 for the Pacers, including 10 in the third quarter when be singlehandedly outscored the visiting Nuggets, 10-9. "The first unit played great defense," said Larry Bird, the

Jazz overcame a slow start to gain their

Karl Malone scored 21 points and gave Utah the lead for good on a 16-foot jumper with 1:38 left, igniting a 9-0 run

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that keyed the victory. John Stockton had 17 points and 14 assists for the Jazz. Heat 85, Note 84 In Miami, Voshon Lenard scored 27 points, including two couver. free throws with 0.9 seconds left, as the Heat completed a sweep of their homeand-home series against New Jersey.

Timberwolves 115, Pistons 112 In Minneapolis, Kevin Garnett's jumper with 1.2 seconds left in the second overtime period gave Minnesota the victory. Garnett had 26 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists for the Wolves, who

snapped a three-game losing streak. SuperSonics 69, Suns 87 In Scattle. the Sonics opened a 41/2-game lead over the Lakers in the Paeific Division. Gary

Jazz 106, Rockets 100 In Houston, the Payton led Seanle with 22 points and Detlef Schrempf had 13 points, 10 re-inth victory in 10 games. Payton led Seanle with 22 points and better Schrempf had 13 points, 10 re-bounds, eight assists and four steals.

Cavaliers 102, Warriors 82 In Cleveland, Shawn Kemp scored 28 points, including 14 in the third quarter, as Cleveland handed Golden State its third straight blowout loss.

Hawks 101, Grizzlies 76 Mookie Blaylock went 4-for-6 from the 3-point line, scoring 20 points with nine assists and five rebounds as Atlanta won in Van-

Celtics 102, Trail Blazers 101 In Boston. Portland tied the game at 101 on Walt Williams's 3-pointer with 15 seconds left after trailing by 85-60, Portland's Rasheed Wallace then fouled Boston's Antoine Walker, who made the second free throw. In a game reported in late editions

Monday: Knicks 101, Lakers 89 In New York,

the Knicks got 32 points from Allan Houston and outseored the Lakers, 33-

'Air Apparent' **On Solid Ground**

Bryant Shrugs Off Jordan Image

By Ric Bucher Washington Post Servage

WASHINGTON - Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers is on the phone, and he's saying he accepts the honor in being compared to Michael Jordan hut that it to himself as "the so-called Air Apparent." The listener is struck, not

for the first time, by the timbre of Bryant's voice, the cadence, even that self-deprecating tinge of sarcasm. The astonishing ambitton and confidence contrast with an earnest thoughtfulness that suggests he is a regular downto-earth guy, even while the world is bent on making him much larger than life. And the listener thinks,

He even sounds like

Which, it turns out, is no accident. "I used to tease him and

say, 'O.K., Michael Jordan,' because he used to try to do everything like Mike, said Gob Shammgod, the Washington Wizards point guard, who betriended Bryant at a summer basketball camp when the two were in high school, "He tried to walk the same way, talk the same way, everything, I said to him, 'You must have a bunch of tapes that you edit all the time, hub?' ''

There are athletic similarities between Bryant and Jordan. There is the graceful acceleration, the hang time, the ereanive flair, the hard, lowarcing three-point shot and, of eourse, the step-back tumaround fadeaway jumper.

But Bryant is in his second year in the NBA. He is a sixth man who is still finding out how to mesh his immense talents to best suit him and his team. In the Lakers' loss to reer. Kobe attended Italian the New York Knicks on Sunday, he fired a shot the first time be touched the ball and went on to miss 11 of 15 shots. Despite playing point guard for long stretches, he failed to get an assist in 26 minutes. 'He already was wild

when I saw him in high school age," said George Karl, the because I'd had so many excoach of the Seattle Super-Sonics. "But he is a special talent, and I've always said I'd rather have a player you have to rein in rather than try some ereativity and flair to his game. What I like about Kobe

the Lakers, decries the eom-parisons made between Jordan self, 'l'll show you.' Then, if and Bryant during the NBA's recent all-star weekend.

perhaps worked for the NBA, call that moment and that's all but it really wasn't a good I need to get going."

thing for the Los Angeles Lakers or Kobe Bryant," Harris said. "Any 19-year-old needs a chance to develop. You can't make comparisons to Jordan unoi Kobe has six or seven years in the league. We're trying to have patience with him and let him grow, but isn't really accurate. He refers | I have an obligation to 11 other players. That he forces too much is one reason he doesn't

play more than he does." Where Bryant already has surpassed the countless players who have tried to model themselves after Jordan is that he has not been crushed by the enormous anention he receives. His is the only name fans at the Great Western Forum ehant, and there is noticeable buzz in any arena when he heads to the scorer's table to enter the game.

"The thing I like about him most is that he has his head on straight," said Mitch Rich-mond, the Sacramento Kings guard. "He didn't seem to take all the stuff with Jordan too seriously. And he listens."

Perhaps the most amazing part is how well Bryant has handled his sudden anointment as the league's post-Jordan savior off the court,

"I hare to say it, but there is a greater demand for him now than there ever was for Magic," said John Black, the Lakers public-relations director, referring to the former Lakers star Magic Johnson. "Of all the things I've come to him with, not once has he said he didn't want to do something. I keep waiting for it to happen, but he handles it all so well, he's great at it, and he seems to enjoy it."

When Bryant was 5 years old, his father - Joe (Jelly Bean1 Bryant of the Philadelphia 76ers — went to Italy to extend his playing cagrade school and learned to speak the language. After the family returned to the United States, Joe Bryant arranged for his son to work out with the 76ers, allowing him to gauge his talents and absorb elements of the pro game.

People were telling me, 'You have to watch out for this, that and the other,' but it wasn't really that big of a deal periences growing up," Bryant said.

Bryant also resembles Jordan in the way he turns criticism into compedove motivation.

"It hurts to see people want to see me fail." Bryant said. is he wants to get better." But anytime that has
But Del Harris, the coach of happened, I've just put in my there is ever a day when I don't feel like working out or "It was a media ploy that getting something done, I re-

Huskies Stay Hungry for NCAA Berth MacCulloch said: "He was holding nament for the third ome in the past four years. Tennessee State (13-16) started as Todd MacCulloch made two foul me and they called a foul. There's noththe tournament's seventh seed.

shots in the final two seconds to keep alive Washington's hopes for a berth in called for a foul in the final five the NCAA tournament.

the most important win we've had since I've been here," said Bob Bender, who is in his fifth year as Washington's coach.

Huskies (17-9, 10-7 Pac-10). The Bruins (21-7, 11-5) were upset at

how the game ended, as the holding foul against J.R. Henderson that sent Mac-Culloch to the line happened as Washington was trying to inbound the ball.

"I've never seen a dead-ball situation determine a game before," said Coach Steve Lavin of UCLA. "It would've been nice to see the game decided by the

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MacCulloch's free throws gave the Huskies a 95-94 victory over No. 18 UCLA on Sunday, moving them closer With 30 seconds left in overtime to lead Simmons had 25 points to lead the Simmons had 25 points to lead the Scattle Sunday. Machine 1986 Victory over No. 18 When the vicinity Pollumphore (24 6 12 4 Santhaute (20 10) to their first NCAA hid since 1986. "11's the visiting Boilermakers (24-6, 12-4

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The victory was the first this season Big Ten) to victory. The Spartans (20-6, over a Top-25 ranked opponent for the 13-3) dropped into a tie with Illinois for the conference's regular-season oile. Davidson 66, Appalachian St. 62 The Wildcats (20-9) won the Southern Conference tournament to earn an automatic hid to the NCAA tournament. Ap-

palachian State (21-8) lost to Davidson for the third time this season. Murray St. 92, Termessee St. 69 Isaac Speneer had 20 points and 11 rebounds as the Racers (29-3) won the Ohio Valley final to advance to the NCAA tour-

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Seahawks (20-10). In games reported in late editions Monday:

No. 4 Kansas 71, No. 25 Oklahoma St. 67 Raief LaFrentz, bothered by a sore shoulder, had 17 points and 14 rebounds to teach a guy how to add as the Jayhawks (31-3, 15-1 Big 12), won at Oklahoma State (21-5, 11-5).

Richmond 79, N-C,-Wilmington 64 The

Spiders (22-7) won the Colonial Athletic

No. 24 Temple 74, No. 20 Massachusetts 66 The Owis (20-7, 13-3) won the Atlanoc 10's Eastern Division. The visjring Minutemen (20-9, 12-4) had 20 turnovers. No. 23 Syracuse 77, Georgotown 72 The

Orangemen (22-7, 12-6 Big East) rallied from a 10-point deficit to beat the visiting Hoyas (14-13, 6-12) in overtime.















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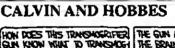






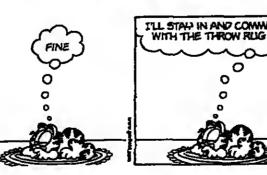


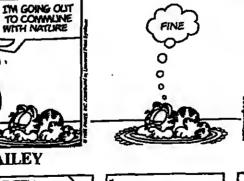










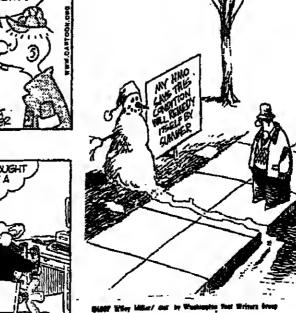












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Subpoena Victor Hugo

down Jean Val-

jean for allegedly stealing a loaf of bread. Javert snbpoenas everyone in France to testify against Valjean.

and suddenly what started out to be an investigation by the prosecutor over a loaf of bread becomes a big Excedrin testify, goes into the sewers to

Since he couldn't pin the stolen bread charge on Valjean after four years and 135 million French francs, all the way to Javert's office. Javert decides to prove that Valjean had an affair with his ward, Cossette. To do this the inspector calls as his first witness Fantine, Cossette's mother, and offers her immunity if she doesn't faint on the stand.

Vienna Philharmonic Will Return to Madrid

Agence France-Presse VIENNA — The Vienna Philharmonic is returning to Spain next month for a tour it hopes will ease painful memories of the boos it received the last time around.

A Madrid audience booed a performance of Maurice with Valjean alone. Ravel's "Bolero" in January after a series of wrong notes.

The orchestra has announced a performance in Madrid on April 20 and another in Barcelona a day later, both under the baton of Zubin

WASHINGTON — When nothing comes of Whenever I see Ken this, Javert wires Cossette's Starr, I think of Victor Hngo's best friend, Lolita, with a tape "Les Miserables." I see Starr recorder and induces her to in the role of Inspector Javert, get Cossette to spill the beans who is determined to hunt on Valjean Cossette is a talkative little thing and provides Javent with the smoking gun he needs to get Valjean.

So Valjean escapes and joins the French Revolution. On the barricades Valjean finds Javert and denounces him as a right-wing spy. Javert subpoenas everyone on the barricades and accuses them all of spreading rumors about him.

Then Valjean, rather than

But waiting at the end of the sewer is Javert. He hands Valjean a summons. Valjean makes a paper airplane out of it and sails it down the sewer

Javert arrests Valjean bnt then releases him. The detective is so ashamed of his weakness that he throws himself into the sewer and

Valjean becomes the president of France and makes Cossette his French intern at Versailles.

I know it's a risk for a newspaperman to accuse Starr of being Inspector Javert — but this fact happened to be leaked to me by the White House. By the same token, the Starr office leaked to me the names of all of Valjean's mistresses and how many times they were

William Ginsburg, Monica Lewinsky's lawyer, leaked to me the fact that Lolita had taped the conversations of

To clear things up, Victor Hugo will testify in front of the grand jury next week.

Paul Newman: Is It Twilight Time as An Actor?

By Dinitia Smith New York Times Service

NEW YORK — In a career that has spanned 45 years, Paul Newman has come to embody the very word icon: His face is instantly recognizable, because of his motion pictures, of course, and because of the labels on the sauces and salad dressings that carry his name.

It is a face that is almost delicate in its lines, mysteriously vulnerable, with a mouth that manages somehow to convey both sensuality and sorrow. It is also a face that has, against the foolish expectations of the enamored,

In January, Newman turned 73. On Friday, his 53d film, appropriately titled "Twilight," opens in the United States. This is a time when such a successful movie star especially one who is also a notable philanthropist and a successful sportsman and businessman — might honorahly sit back and savor his accomplishments.

Yet in a series of conversations recently, in his office in Manhattan and at his home in Westport, Connecticut, Newman revealed not only the aura and insight of a savvy legend but also a surprising ambivalence about his career, some doubts about his performances and a feeling that his genuine skills had sometimes been trivialized by oth-

ers because of his good looks. There has been much talk that Newman is

to retire from everything, and then I haven't got enough common sense to do it," Newman said. "There's a time to get in and a time to get out. Most people don't know how they're going to survive without the applause. But it's been

on my mind for five or six years."

In "Twilight," Newman enacts a role similar to his title part in the 1966 film "Harper." He is a slightly seedy private detective named Harry who is in love with a beautiful actress, played by Susan Sarandon. She is married to a dying film star (Gene Hackman), and the two emhroil Newman in a scheme involving the disappearance of the woman's

former husband many years before.

In a sense, Newman's life has always been a tug of war between his father's expectations that he would take over the husiness and become a member of Cleveland's bourgeoisie



planning to retire (after this interview, it was Paul Newman as a private detective on his last legs in "Twilight."

announced that he had signed on to play
Kevin Costner's father in "Message in a Bottle," a romantic
drama to be directed by Luis Mandoki). "I swear I'm going
success as an actor.
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This kind of public reflection is rare for Newman. On the surface, he has a hluff, he-man humor. He once had a surface, he has a filtit, he-man himor. He office had a wrecked Porsche delivered to the house of Robert Redford, his co-star in "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969) and "The Sting" (1973). To this day, the two actors have a bantering relationship.
"Trivialized?!" said Redford when he was questioned

recently about Newman. "They haven't even scratched the surface at how trivial he is. The reason he's so demanding of himself is because he has no talent!"

Kidding aside, Redford said of Newman: "He's very serious about his craft. He's very demanding of himself. That easily gets lost in the shuffle. It's just an unhappy sidebar to our profession that it is so cosmetically confined." (Redford has had much the same problem.)

In fact, Newman is a deliberate, intellectual actor, precise in his methods. And indeed he has been praised for perand his own commitment to acting.

"I think he always thought of me as pretty much a lightweight," Newman once said of his father, who died in the early 1950s. "He treated me like he was disappointed in me, and he had every right to be. It was one of the great the ne'er-do-well in "Hud" (1963), as the impertinent prisoner in "Cool Hand Luke" (1967) and as the alcoholic lawyer in "The Verdict"

"Newman had never been more deserving" of an Academy Award, the critic David Thomson wrote of "The Verdict." The 'winter light got through his mask and into a raw soul.'

Thomson called "The Verdict" "a tormenting picture, for it shows what Newman is capable of once his aversion to intimacy can be broken down."

As if to escape his image as a pretty boy.

Newman turned himself into a champion race, car driver. He boasts that he is in the Guinness Book of World Records as the oldest person ever to win the Rolex 24-hour endurance race, in 1995, at Daytona Beach, Florida.

He has also turned himself into a philanthropist of major proportions, giving away \$90 million over the last 10 years. His Hole in the Wall camps for children with serious illnesses now number five. And with his food company, Newman's Own, which he owns with his friend the writer A.E. Hotchner, he is finally a suc-cessful businessman like his father.

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"I understand the romance of business." Newman said, "and the cutthroat nature of it. the consuming kind of ambition to make it

bigger."
He is most critical of himself when he speaks of his early work. Of his first stage appearances, he said: "I was just a rank

beginner. I got by on looks and energy."
In "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (1958), "the

machinery of the acting was very much in evidence," he said. And in "The Hustler," Newman said, "You can still see the machinery going."
With "Hud," Newman said, he was "getting to be more

comfortable." But in the end, he believes he failed in "Hud" too. His performance there, he said, was "a big mistake." "I wanted Hud to have all the external graces," he said, "to be lean, hungry, a great brawler, a swordsman, a rascal in the most enjoyable sense - and rotten to the core. What the audience bought was all the external graces. The fact is, he was rotten. But he became a folk hero. We wanted him to be

Shaking his head, Newman went on to dismiss his per-formance in ''Harper'' as "tidy." What about "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid"? "Not memorable," he

Only with "The Verdict," in 1982, did he begin to hit his stride, he said. "It is foremost among the contenders" for his favorite role. Another favorite role is that of Bridge, the proper, contained Midwestern businessman in the 1990 Merchant Ivory film "Mr. and Mrs. Bridge." in which he starred with his wife, Joanne Woodward. "Joanne says, 'That's the real you,' "Newman said.

Ducasse Wins 2d Michelin Three-Star Rating

PARIS — The French chef superstar Alain Ducasse won the Michelin jackpot on Monday, becoming the only six-star

chef in France's best-known restaurant guide.

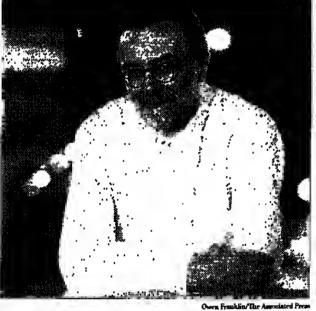
The Guide Michelin awarded Ducasse its three-star rating for his Louis XV restaurant, which specializes in Mediterranean cuisine, in the principality of Monaco. He retained three stars for the Restaurant Alain Ducasse in the Parc Victor Hugo hotel in the 16th arrondissement of Paris.

The two other restaurants promoted to the top rating in the "red" guide were Pierre Gagnaire's Hotel Balzac in Paris's eighth arrondissement and the twins Jacques and Laurent Pourcel's Jardin des Sens in Montpellier in the south of France. Gagnaire had had the unenviable record of being the only man to have run a three-star restaurant that went bankrupt, in Saint Etienne. He moved to Paris in 1996, winning a spectable two stars in his new restaurant's first outing in the Michelin guide last year.

No one lost the top rating in the guide this year, taking the number of three-star restaurants in the France guide to 21 six in Paris and 15 in the provinces.

The Guide Michelin had been chipping away at its total of three-star establishments in recent years amid signs that the sluggish French economy was forcing leading chefs to cut costs and quality in order to keep customers. Since a brief period in the 1930s, no one has had six

Michelin stars.



Alain Ducasse: Two restaurants and six Michelin stars.

A DOCUMENTARY that suggests Kurt Cobain's death wasn't a suicide opened in San Francisco, despite a warning from lawyers for his widow, Courtney Love. "Kurt and Court-ney," by the British filmmaker Nick Broomfield, was shown at the Roxie Cinema. The theater has received a letter from Love's lawyers warning that it would share any liability with the filmmaker and those who raise questions about Love's role in Cobain's death. Cobain, the lead singer of the band Nirvana, was found dead in his Seattle home in 1994 of an apparently selfinflicted gunshot to the head. He was on heroin at the time and though his death was ruled a snicide, questions and conspiracy theories continued to swirl on the Internet. Love succeeded in getting the film withdrawn from the Sundance Film Festival in January, contending that it featured unauthorized music.

The musical comedy "On Connait la Chanson" (Same Old Song) hit the right note at the French film awards, picking

up seven Cesars, including those for best film and best actor, Andre Dussoltier. It also won awards for best supporting actor, Jean-Pierre Bacri, and best supporting actress, Agnes Jaoni, best screenplay, best sound and best editing. But the director, Alain Resnais, lost out to Luc Besson, who won the director's award for the biggest grossing French picture, "The Fifth Element." The best actress award went to Ariane Ascaride for her part in the romantic comedy "Marins et Jeannette." The best foreign film was the British movie "Brassed Off" by Mark Herman. Special awards went to Jean-Luc Godard, Clint East- is expected to be released soon. wood and Michael Douglas.

PEOPLE

James Michener never forgot the generosity that allowed him to attend Swarthmore College and overcome his poor childhood. When the author died in October at age 90, he repaid the college — and then some. He left the school the hulk of his estate, adding \$10 million to the college's endowment. And he also left Swarthmore

copyrights and royalty rights to his 43 books. Officials at the liberal arts college in suburban Philadelphia expect Michener's generosity to swell their coffers for years to come. Michener, who attended Swarthmore on a fouryear scholarship before graduating in 1929, also gave \$5 million in 1991.

Elizabeth Taylor, was in a Los Angeles hospital on Monday, recov-ering from a bruised back and hip, after a fall at her home just hours before a party to celebrate her 66th birthday. She

"L.A. Confidential" dominated the 10th annual Chicago Film Critics Awards, while the box-office smash 'Titanic' took home two minorawards. "L.A. Confidential" won for: best picture, and Curtis Hanson won for best director and, with Brian Helgeland, for best screenplay, "Titanic" won only the best cinematography and best original score awards.





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